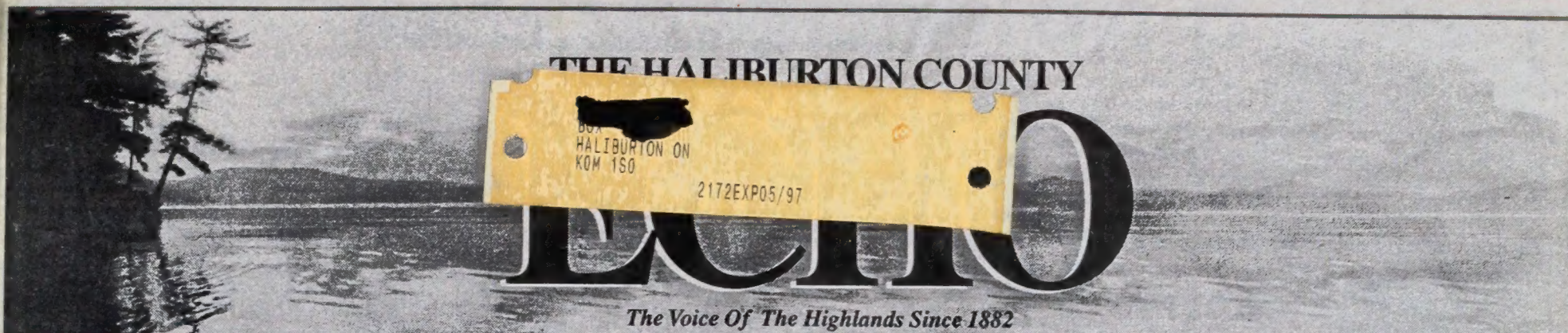




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Employment Centre at risk after funding disappears

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

At the end of this March, federal funding for the Haliburton Outreach Centre will cease to be. It won't be a cutback, it will be a total severance.

"The centre will close if we don't come up with a solution," says Jane Selbie, senior project officer at the Haliburton County Employment Services Centre, which operates the outreach program as part of its dual role.

And since the employment office has been funded by the outreach centre, that's double jeopardy for the workers and employers of Haliburton County.

"We don't think we can survive (without the outreach funding.)"

As an employment office, the centre links people looking for jobs with employers who are looking for people. As an outreach centre, it helps improve the job seekers' skills. It arranges training programs in such areas as computers, résumé writing and job searching, and offers assessment and counselling to seek available solutions in finding work and training. When it sees a training gap, it often works on its own or in conjunction with other organizations to see that it is filled.

It also deals with a wide range of people including the unemployed, underemployed and those on social services.

The outreach centre was born 21 years ago as a way of meeting the unique needs of people in a rural area. The closest Human Resources and Development office is in Peterborough, 110 km away, and it was felt there was a need for a local entry point for employers and employees, Selbie says.

As part of the unemployment insurance overhaul last summer, HRD is only interested in fund-

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THE LITTLE LORD JESUS, ASLEEP ON THE HAY

No matter how many times you've heard them, Christmas carols always sound new when sung by young children. At Thursday's Christmas Concert at St. George's Anglican Church, Victoria Street

School kindergarten students Michelle Slote and Emily Stonehouse do the actions to go along with *Away in the Manger*. There are photos of concerts throughout this week's paper. Enjoy!

Cancer patient needs "the gift of life"

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The gift Robert McDonald wishes for most this Christmas can't be found on the shelves at any store.

But pretty well anyone who's healthy can afford to give him what he wants.

The terminally ill Lochlin resident needs blood.

McDonald's wife, Carol, is urging people to help her husband and others like him over the holidays by donating blood. (For those who read this article in time, there are blood donor clinics today—Monday—in Bracebridge and Lindsay. More details are included below).

A severe blood shortage across the province has left McDonald, 58, unable to get the treatment he needs to fight his cancer.

Each week he requires a blood transfusion. But last week the supply was so low at Ross Memorial Hospital that he

couldn't have his transfusion which meant he couldn't have chemotherapy treatment.

McDonald was diagnosed with leukemia in mid-May and has been struggling to get enough blood from hospitals ever since.

Shortly after his cancer was detected, the Red Cross was hit

by the most severe blood shortage it has ever experienced.

The agency's supply has improved, but it is still in the midst of what it is calling "a chronic shortage."

"I guess it's like (the summer) all over again," said Mrs. McDonald. "We've been bat-

tling for blood since then."

Each day the Red Cross should have 1,455 units of blood in its reserves to accommodate the needs of 61 hospitals across Central Ontario.

A shortage is considered critical when supplies drop below

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Business administrator Jim Bradley said the ceilings would be monitored daily for warning signs of trouble.

The potential that any of the ceilings would collapse is so slim administrators felt confident recommending that the board hold off on repairs until the end of the school year, he said.

"Nobody can say it can't happen. It could happen. One came down so it's conceivable that it could happen again," he said. "We think it's very remote. In our mind if we thought there were any real risk, we wouldn't be doing it this way."

The ceiling that collapsed apparently had been damaged by water more than a decade ago, but there is no indication of water damage in other areas, said Bradley.

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this summer. If the public tendering process has to be followed, construction could not start until 1998. The process itself only lasts an additional two or three months, but given the weather, it pushes the project past a feasible starting date in 1997.

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If the program is available and the board's application is accepted, the province would split the bill with the board.

"If that happens — and that's a big if — the price is half," said Bradley.

It may also be possible for the board to wrap the costs of the repairs into its overall plan to renovate and expand the high school.

Last spring the province put a one-year building freeze on all school boards.

Haliburton administrators are expecting the Ministry to tell them in March whether they have the go ahead to continue on with their expansion plans.

If approved, the board may be able to include the ceiling work in its long-term financing for the school's renovations, said Bradley.

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He once again reiterated that it was imperative for this county's



drama class showed students at in their play, "The Joke's Over." Alana Pearson and Amanda-Jo

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planned to begin work to expand and upgrade the high school this summer, it told the college it could schedule its courses at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden during the construction.

However, the college didn't like the idea of spreading its programs out over two centres, maintaining it would be too difficult to administer.

Trustees considered having the ceilings at the high school replaced through the school year to prevent putting a space squeeze on the fine arts school. But in they end they decided it would be too disruptive to students and staff at the high school.

Schell plans to tour schools with board officials this week or after the Christmas break in search of appropriate space.

"It's not an insurmountable problem," she said. "We'll just have to be a little more creative in how we solve it."

is giving headaches to more than just school board members.

The extensive repair plan will force Sir Sandford Fleming College's popular School of Fine Arts to move nearly half its courses to other locations.

Ten of the 25 classrooms the college planned to use will be out of commission for much of the summer as their ceilings are torn down and replaced.

Shelley Schell, who co-ordinates the School of Fine Arts, received the bad news about the construction plans Wednesday morning.

"It's certainly going to impact on our offerings that's for sure," she said. "... The difficulty is going to be that it will potentially spread us out even more."

The college offers most of its

"Now we're going to have to move nearly 50 per cent of our adult courses which may cause some of the parents some anxiety," Schell said.

The board has said the college can use any of its other schools that are suitable for the arts courses.

The bulk of the college's classes are offered at the high school. Other courses are run at nearby J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and at a few other buildings in Haliburton village.

The main problem with shifting more courses over to JDHES is that many of its classrooms are carpeted, which isn't good for classes, such as oil painting, where there can be messy spills.

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Blood shortage

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1,100 units. As of Friday, there were just more than 1,000 units.

"We find people are very busy at this time of year and it takes a fair amount of time to go through the process of giving blood," spokesperson Chris Meyer says.

It should take about an hour to donate, but when the Red Cross appeals for donors during shortages there can be longer waits because of the response.

Meyer asks donors for "patience and understanding" if they encounter line-ups.

Today (Monday) there's a clinic in Bracebridge at the Centennial Centre, 65 Wellington St. South, from 12:30-4 p.m. and 5-7:30 p.m.

Also today there is a clinic in Lindsay at Moose Lodge, 10 Moose Rd., from 5-8 p.m.

"If people are going into one of those communities to do some last-minute Christmas shopping, perhaps they could take the time to add the gift of life," said Meyer.

On December 31, there's a clinic in Peterborough at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Rd., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Following that, there will be regular clinic held in Peterborough on the first Monday of the month at the Evinrude Centre and the first Tuesday of the month at the Royal Canadian Legion on Murray St.

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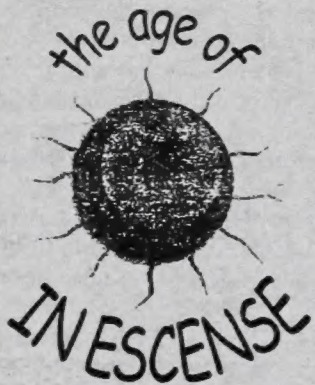
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Seasonal residents in for the count

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

You can look at it two ways.

In Haliburton County, there are 55 local politicians representing 14,000 permanent residents. That's a ratio of one politician for every 255 residents.

Or you could say there are 55 local politicians representing a total of roughly 50,000 permanent and seasonal residents. That's a ratio of 1:909.

From now on, as the province dictates whether Haliburton County is being run efficiently, county council wants it to use the second figure.

Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon put forward a motion which recognizes that permanent population figures do not give a true picture of demands placed on local municipalities.

The motion, which was unanimously endorsed, says the province should "accurately reflect the level of service and governance demands on Haliburton and similar counties by adding to all its documents the capability to recognize the seasonal resident population."

Welfare stats

Demands on the county's social assistance department are growing steadily following changes to the federal government's employment insurance plan.

Because workers have to work more weeks in order to be eligible for employment insurance (formerly called unemployment insurance or UI), and because the Highlands has a largely seasonal economy, many people can no longer meet the eligibility requirements. As a result, they're having to turn to the welfare department much sooner.

In October of 1995, there were 483 cases of General Welfare Assistance representing 1,080 county residents. In November of 1996, there were 479 cases representing 1,098 people. In December, that caseload figure is expected to break 500.

The department was on budget at the end of November but the increased demand is cause for concern, reported Lutterworth Deputy-reeve Lisa Mercer.

The UI changes include having to work 26 weeks instead of 14.

Library

The county library system is moving ahead with plans to merge the county office in Haliburton with the Haliburton branch. The county library office has been chosen as the preferred site.

Chamber of Commerce

Glamorgan Deputy-reeve Bill Challis, who is the county's representative at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, had nothing to report on the Chamber's financial problems. He has not recently attended any Chamber meetings, including the annual general meeting two weeks ago.

The county gives the Chamber \$51,1000 a year to market the Highlands outside the county's borders. "I find it odd the county representative was not invited," Warden Murray Fearrey said.

In the new committee structure for 1997, Sherborne et al Deputy-reeve Bob Canning was chosen as the representative with the understanding he would attend more of the meetings.

Ambulance/fire services

The Orillia office of the Ministry of Health is interested in looking at Haliburton County's needs and possible solutions when it comes to winter calls, reported Anson, Hindon and Minden Deputy-reeve Gerry Rome. A meeting has been set up for January 22 about ambulance rescues using snowmobiles.

Sherborne et al has recently purchased a snowmobile for its fire department. Volunteer firefighters will be given four hours of instruction on how to safely transport patients on snowmobile.

Assessing the problem

In 1996, there were roughly 270 building permits issued in Dysart et al.

And yet, when Dysart received its new assessment rolls, the total value of properties showed a negligible increase. Fearrey believes assessors are too busy looking at things such as Actual Value Assessment to run around the county looking at properties which have been upgraded, and which therefore should be assessed at a higher value. As well, none of the new buildings have been assessed.

This means that while municipalities are losing grants from the province, they're also losing the ability to recoup some of those losses through increased assessment, which is a provincial responsibility. "I don't know where the fairness is," Fearrey said.

Stanhope Reeve Jock Mavor, expressing similar frustration, said he'd like to hire a private assessor and then bill the province for the labour.

Deputies stay for now

If having dual representation on county council is so important that most of the people who presently sit around the council table do not want to get rid of their deputy reeves, then Snowdon wants county council to invite its deputy back to the table.

This is a new twist on Snowdon Reeve George Simmons' old argument to have only reeves at county council. It would save \$7,500 a year in fees and streamline the decision-making process. Not many of his fellow county councilors buy the argument though, saying it's important to have deputies who are well informed on the issues and to help carry the committee workload.

At present, to have a deputy attend county council, a municipality must have 2,500 ratepayers. Snowdon, Bicroft and Monmouth don't reach that figure, so they send only their reeve.

When Simmons presented Snowdon's motion asking to have its deputy reinstated, council decided to wait until the Who Does What panel makes clear what county responsibilities will be.

New road name

To end confusion for motorists and emergency personnel, a road in Snowdon has been given a new name.

Travellers who wanted to get from Irondale to Gelert had previously turned onto the Gelert Road. Travellers who wanted to get from Gelert to Irondale had previously turned onto the Irondale Road. Two names, same road.

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Borrowing by-law

Council will borrow the \$150,000 it needs to cover the additional costs of the county office expansion from the bank rather than volunteer municipalities. The bank rate is low, 4.75%, and it can be paid off as soon as possible with no penalty.

Computers to fill void

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ing the specific employment aspects of the centre's previously dual role. Funding to the Peterborough office is also being cut.

One plan is a greater reliance on computer kiosks, but since those kiosks have not had rave reviews in past months, Selbie says they should only be part of the solution.

Job seekers don't like the kiosk because jobs aren't categorized into areas. Because Haliburton is linked to the Peterborough office, Highlands jobs are interspersed with Peterborough jobs. Employers have "questioned the turnaround time" for their requests and don't always like getting applications from Peterborough workers. "They want to be hiring local people," but the kiosk system advertises it throughout the entire Peterborough catchment area.

"In terms of serving the community, I think it's really gone down hill," Selbie says. "There's a negative to just being on a computer kiosk."

Kiosks also don't answer every job seeker's questions. Staff at the Haliburton office are very aware of the services and programs that are available, and try to make sure everyone has access to them. "We know the best scenario of what will work," she says. A kiosk can't do that.

Other computers were supposed to arrive in August. They're still not there.

"They say technology can be the answer. It may streamline some things but we've seen with kiosks that technology has not improved the system."

At this stage, she also doesn't see how the new Ontario Works program, which puts greater emphasis on training for people on social assistance, can save the day either.

Of course, there's also a concern about the jobs for the people who work at the centre. There are four employees. With the last round of cutbacks, they all agreed to take a reduction of hours rather than lay off one of them.

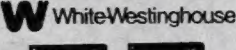
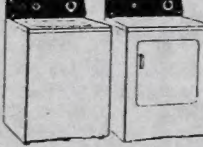
While Selbie is worried about the centre's future, she is not yet fearful. She believes solutions are possible, but that time is now of the essence.

"Since May, we've started meeting with players in the community to look at common interests in employment and the crisis we're facing," she says. On Friday, she met with a local committee to look at a proposal which will then be forwarded to Peterborough. The centre may be able to link with the Haliburton County Information Centre, which will no longer be able to offer its services after March 31 because of budget cuts. Links to Sir Sandford could also become stronger but she prefers having an autonomous office which would be a neutral consultant. The training board is another possible link, but it only has two representatives from the entire county.

"We think we have a formula that respects every partner," she says.



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Sherborne fights take-over bid

Lake of Bays wants Muskoka to include municipality within its borders

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Sherborne et al is quickly rallying its troops to fight off a "hostile takeover" bid from Muskoka.

The Mayor of Lake of Bays has expressed interest in having Sherborne join with his municipality, setting off warning bells within the Sherborne municipal office.

A "hostile takeover" is a busi-

ness term to describe what happens when one business is bought by another against its will. In this case, Sherborne council has no desire to jump the county border and become part of Muskoka.

"We are not dealing with a theoretical situation. It's very much on the table," Sherborne Reeve Ross Rabjohn told county council on Wednesday.

In the past year, Sherborne has been taken out of the county and

joined with Muskoka in re-drawn provincial and federal electoral boundaries maps. Rabjohn says council is not going to wait until after the fact to discover the same thing has happened municipally, and so it's written a three-page letter to all concerned parties.

This latest interest in Sherborne, Haliburton County's northernmost municipality, was prompted by a recent report of the "Who Does What" panel. It states "where a

community of interest extends beyond current Regional boundaries, consideration should be given to changing them."

Many of Sherborne's economic ties are to Muskoka and since Dorset is split between Haliburton County and Muskoka, both the Region of Muskoka and Lake of Bays have discussed having Sherborne become part of their fold.

"Now just a moment!" Sherborne council says in a letter to David Crombie, chair of the panel, MPP Chris Hodgson and Haliburton County warden Murray Fearrey. Instead of having Sherborne join Muskoka, council suggests that Haliburton County annex the Muskoka side of Dorset.

"Sherborne et al is a part of Haliburton County and we wish to remain a part of Haliburton County," says the letter, which was drafted in a matter of days because of the urgency of matter. "We are certainly linked to Lake of Bays and Muskoka for many services such as the hospital yet there is a fundamental difference in our outlook... (Sherborne thinks) development should be limited to that which maintains the simple, natural environment that our seasonal people came/come here to find. We see our neighbours giving in to development at any cost so long as it creates jobs."

Sherborne is against the possibility of a commission being appointed to look over the matter. "We feel that we, in consultation with our electorate, are best able

to decide how to meet the challenges of our day be they amalgamation, re-structuring or co-operation."

Council closes its letter by criticizing the confusion created by the Who Does What panel.

"We have rumours of policing changes, rumours of planning needs, rumours of education changes, rumours of road changes and changes to social services. All are rumours. If the provincial government would do two simple things, we could proceed. Tell us what responsibilities we must carry out and tell us what, if any, support we can receive from the provincial government. Given those two fundamentals, we will then plan. Meeting after meeting, our people refuse to make changes because they are not certain what their future responsibilities are going to be.

"Give us the tools and we will continue to have the machine operating efficiently for the 21st Century."

When the issue was addressed at county council, Warden Murray Fearrey said Muskoka was misinterpreting the panel's report. The report talks about municipalities joining together, not sections of different counties.

"(Muskoka) has taken the liberty of interpreting it their way. They're under the wrong section of the act," Fearrey said, noting that before Sherborne became part of Muskoka, two-thirds of county council would have to agree, a decision he doesn't envision ever happening.



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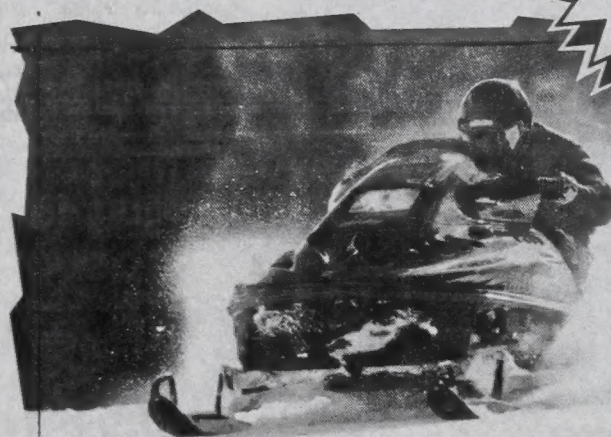
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Long-term patients to be charged for bed space at Haliburton Hospital

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by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of the discussions at Thursday night's meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board.

Patients at the Haliburton Hospital whose level of care indicates they should be in a long-term care facility may soon be charged a daily fee similar to that for nursing homes.

"The (province's) rationale for introducing this charge is to harmonize the system of co-payment that applies in nursing homes and homes for the aged," executive director Foster Loucks said in his report. "For some time now, there has been an 'incentive' for patients to remain in acute care beds since no payment was charged and this has occurred on occasion even when beds in a nursing home were available. As a result, beds for acute care are sometimes not

available since they are occupied by patients who are awaiting placement in other facilities."

Some subsidies are available and the maximum daily fee would be \$40.

Ambulance aid

Starting in the new year, ambulance attendants will spend some of their shift at the local hospitals if they're not on a call. This will give them an opportunity to observe emergency care and improve their assessment skills.

Loucks had previously hoped attendants would be able to use the hospital as a base as a way of preserving 24-hour care at the Minden Hospital. Since then, however, the board agreed it was able to afford to keep a nurse on duty to assist the doctor and the plan fell by the wayside. Loucks has met with representatives from Emergency Health Services "to pursue alternative strategies which would lead in the longer run to improvements in pre-hospital emergency care and in how health resources are deployed and integrated."

Local attendants are "keen" to participate in the new plan and another meeting in January is required to iron out the details.

Elections

Because this is a new board, the members were appointed by the province. But in June, one-third of the board seats will be up for election.

The plan is to have board members sit for a three-year term, with terms ending on a rotating basis. Over the next three years, that will have to be phased in, starting at the first annual general meeting tentatively scheduled for June 26. One third of the present board will face election.

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The \$5 fee to become a member of the HHHS Corporation must be paid at least 90 days prior to the date of the AGM. Therefore, to be eligible to vote, membership must be obtained by March 28.

Members of the corporation are also entitled to nominate board candidates in writing at least 30 days before the AGM.

Doug Campbell sug-

gested the membership fee be \$100. "I'd like to see it high enough that everyone's who's a member is here working."

Other board members felt it was important to give as many people as possible the opportunity to join the corporation and the \$5 fee was approved. (The \$5 fee is to be a member of the corporation and therefore have a vote on who becomes a board member.)

Meanwhile, the board welcomed two new members, John Middleton and Peter Franzen, who represents the northern townships of Victoria and Peterborough Counties.

Casino

Other local organizations will be approached to see if they'd like to help organize a fundraising casino. In a previous report to the board, Lynda Shadbolt had said that widespread support was needed in order for it to be profitable.

Meanwhile, the HHHS Foundation should be incorporated early in the new year. This would be the arm of the board which would raise funds for the hospitals and Hyland Crest.

Hospital news

As more doctors move to Minden, they will eventually be expected to take over some of the emergency duties now provided by outside doctors. The board hires the doctors on a rota-

tion basis since at one time, there were no doctors in Minden who could provide the service, therefore putting the department's continuation at risk.

Usually, hiring doctors to work on call is not part of a hospital's mandate, but the board spends \$180,000 on doctors' fees because it feels the service is essential. Loucks said that as more doctors based in Minden come on board, that cost will be reduced.

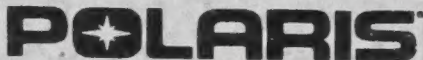
The new pediatric clinic at Minden Hospital has been well received and other specialists from outside the county have expressed interest in holding other clinics as well, such as obstetrics, gynecology and allergies. Referrals will come from local doctors.

As well, the new contract with MDS is working out very well, with faster turn around times and better service than that previously provided by St. Joseph's Health Centre.

Meeting changes

Meeting dates have been changed to the fourth Thursday of every month at 5 p.m.. While some board members wished the meetings could be on the third Thursday, it was felt the financial statements for the month immediately previous would not be ready for either the board's or finance committee's perusal.

Meetings will continue to alternate between Minden and Haliburton.



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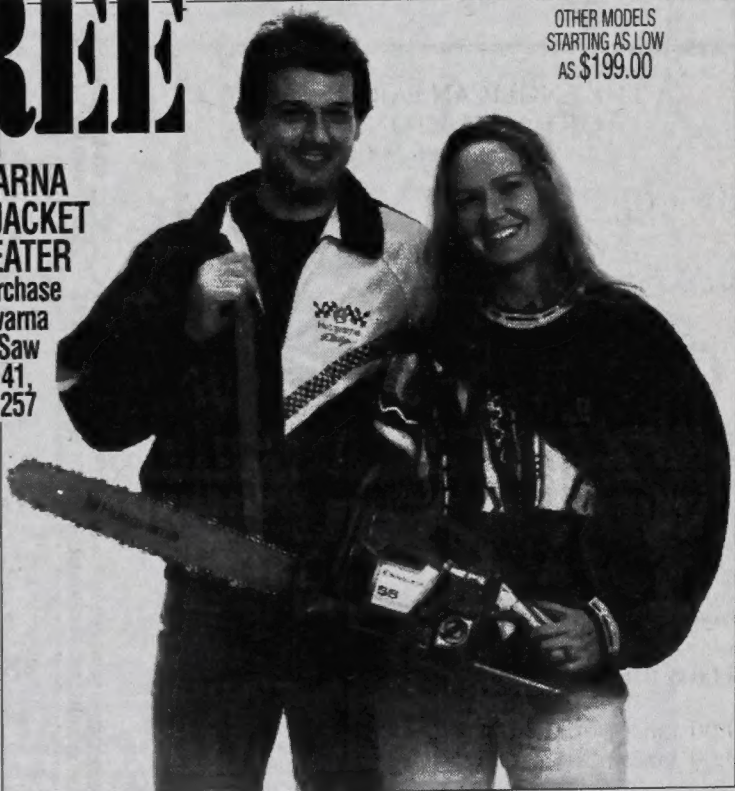
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Ratepayer raises dump card stink

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Anson, Hindon and Minden council's meeting on December 12.

A Minden resident who claims he was "harassed" at a Minden dump for not having the proper user identification card told council he doesn't think it's fair that he should have to pay for a replacement card.

Frank Simpson said he rarely goes to the landfill himself because he pays a waste haulage company to remove his garbage.

However, "one or twice a year" he said he takes empty plastic bags to the dump to go in the recycling bin.

Simpson claimed the last time he went to the dump the attendant "harassed me and yelled at me" because he didn't have a current user ID card.

Simpson said he doesn't ever remember seeing the two cards the municipality would have sent him in his tax bill. It's possible he misplaced it, he said.

Considering he pays \$2,000 a year in taxes, he maintained it isn't right that

he should have to pay the municipality an additional \$25 for a replacement card.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon explained that the municipality brought in charges for replacement cards in an attempt to control the number of them in circulation.

Simpson said the municipality was leaving him no alternative but to put his recyclable bags along with the rest of his garbage to be hauled to the landfill.

Anthon suggested he could give the bags to a neighbour and ask them to drop them into the recycler, if he doesn't intend to get a replacement card.

"Well I guess if that's your attitude, then I'm done with you," Simpson said as he abruptly left the council chambers.

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House use

Two members of council plan to meet with representatives of the Haliburton Highlands Weavers and Spinners to determine whether the group can rent a vacant house owned by the municipality.

The group wants to set up permanently in the former Pritchard House, located at the corner of Prince and Milne Streets.

However, councillors are unsure whether the group will be able to afford renting the building, plus the high cost of utilities.



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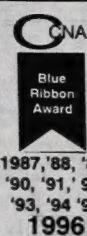


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**Editorial**

Weeding out the urban snob

IF YOU LIVE HERE LONG ENOUGH, you're bound to run into one of them. They have no visible markings except for a nose that's rather upturned and a certain look around the eyes – if they happen to even condescend to look your way. Fortunately, there aren't many of them, making them very easy to avoid.

These people are urban snobs. The type of people who subscribe to the theory that society's cream rises to the top, the top being synonymous with big, as in bigger is better. Their logic works this way: if you're good at what you do, you do it in a city. Conversely, if you do it in a small town, it must mean that you can't "make it" in the tougher urban environment.

For fear of sounding like a rural snob, cities can be wonderful, dynamic and caring places to live. Cities can have neighbourhoods which are rich with all the things we associate with small town values. City life offers more choices in work, entertainment and cultural attractions. There are things you can find in a city that you can't find anywhere else. We need cities.

Not everyone who lives in a city is an urban snob. They don't think life in the city is better, just different. In fact, even while enjoying all the things cities have to offer, many of them wish they could live in the country. Until they can, they satisfy themselves with the Friday night pilgrimage to the cottage and spend the rest of the weekend enjoying all the things the Highlands has to offer.

Most people who get to live in the Highlands consider themselves to be very lucky indeed. Sometimes they yearn for some of the opportunities and attractions of the city, but nowadays, you can drive to Toronto and back in a day. Back at home, they look back on their foray to the city with pleasure but sigh with relief to be back among the trees and the lakes.

Many of the people who now live here were once cottagers, fulfilling their dream not to have to make the three-hour trip back and forth on weekends. They're ready for the slower lifestyle (although once they let it known they want to participate in community life, they wish they had a real job so they wouldn't have to be so busy.) They appreciate the different way of life in the Highlands and in particular, they enjoy waking up every day to the beauty of the landscape.

As we approach the 21st Century, the trick will be to ensure that we protect that landscape while attracting more people within our borders. It will also be imperative that we remind government leaders that there is life north of Hwy. 7. We may be small in terms of population, but Haliburton County is just as important as North York, Scarborough or Mississauga. After all, where will all those people go when they want to get away from it all?

At a recent meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board, chairman Hugh Nichol read an excerpt from David Foot's book, *Boom Bust and Echo: How to Profit from the Coming Demographic Shift*. As an economist at the University of Toronto, Foot knows all about the advantages of city life. (He wouldn't be able to find a similar job in Carnarvon, for instance.) But he also recognizes the growing importance of the "country" (as opposed to city.) In buying into the urban snob's argument that bigger is better, governments are hurting small towns by choking off their services. Without those services, people are either compelled to move to the cities, putting a greater demand on those resources, or frightened away from moving outside a city's border. In Newfoundland, there is a deliberate attempt to get people to leave the outports, and while such motivations are not so obvious in Ontario, as budgets get cut, the people doing the cutting tend to be people at the head offices in Toronto and the last thing they'd do is cut their job.

Foot argues effectively for a greater recognition of the need to strengthen small town life. Maybe he has a cottage somewhere that he dreams of retiring to. Maybe he grew up in a small town and regrets its absence from his life. But more than just maybe, governments should be listening to his message.

To everyone who makes the Highlands part of their lives, whether for a weekend or a lifetime, *The Echo* extends all the joys of the season, with wishes for even happier times ahead. **M.P.**



Sophia Rico, Erin Stephen and Alyssa Abbs at VSS concert

by Martha Perkins

Letters to the Editor

Hyland Crest blessed by volunteers

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the wonderful volunteers who give so generously of their time and themselves to help provide programs for the residents of Hyland Crest. They are truly blessed to have the caring support of the people in our community.

Without the help of volunteers it would be impossible to provide a successful activities program.

On behalf of the residents and staff of Hyland Crest, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year and we will look forward to seeing you all in the coming years.

Linda Fry,
Activities Co-ordinator

Seniors should not fear drivers' seminar

To the Editor:

I'm sending this note to my fellow seniors.

There are many of us who are happy dwellers in Haliburton County. If you have reached the eighty or over age you will know all about that annoying law that compels us to take an annual driver's test.

Have you always dreaded the road test? To avoid this grievance, one can now take part in a seminar where seniors are brought together and given a talk that begins with all the fearful impairments that this age group have, or are expected to acquire, in time.

If you have been wondering what this seminar is all about I would like to set your mind at rest. It is a simple lecture, probably intended as a bit of a refresher course, and stresses

copings with highway problems and the importance of being constantly alert.

The discussion seemed totally unnecessary to many of the men, some of whom had been driving since the age of sixteen.

This is a new program and it requires many improvements. No doubt time and experience will bring about necessary changes.

When the meeting ends you are issued your driver's licence papers. Those people with a birthday coming in the first six months of the year are granted a two-year period before retesting is required. The rest of the folks must apply again next year.

Just wanted you to know that you have nothing to fear in attending one of these seminars.

Happy motoring.

Winnie Schofield,
Wilbherforce

The many choices of Christmas

by REV. FR. DAVID KELLY
St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Parish

The season of Christmas is a time for important choices! If we search the pages of church history we find that in 1644 England had to pass legislation forbidding any celebrations for the Feast of Christmas because of depravity, riots, drunkenness and other misguided behaviours. Christ, the Messiah, was not part of the people's festive celebrations. There were no chords, no Masses or other

church services - no remembrance of the Christ Child.

Today, we struggle with so many pagan values within our society, we are fast becoming the same kind of society because of our misguided decisions and choices. Quite often the choices made within society do not reflect the Gospel mandate.

To make choices, we look to the Holy Family in Bethlehem. St. Joseph's choice was very difficult.

See SEASON page 11

Just take a walk

OH, HOW glorious the morning the sun finally greeted us. After a week on overload, I looked up longingly from my list of things to do. Outside the windows, bluejays and crows squawked in glee. In defiance of CBC's weather report, there was not a cloud in the sky.

When the phone rang early, I thought, 'Now what!' But it was a friend who called to chat and listen. And after listening she said, "Go take a walk!" So I did.

Ed was just returning from an early trip to town. We've been saying 'walk' for weeks. But time, opportunity, and weather seemed against us. And sometimes just plain weariness kept us from going out the door.

But this was the day to fight for quietude. The air was crisp. The ground covered lightly with corn snow. Chick-a-dee-dee-dee sounded from the bush. A spring-like rush of water poured down hillsides, through culverts and down to the lake. The sun warmed our shoulders while the light wind cleared our lungs.

It was the first long, fast walk Ed attempted. Less than two miles, but a start. And it felt so good. It was too soon to go in. So we let Nanook loose, let the cats out, and took our family walk to the lake. They were as happy as we to feel the sun. Nanook tore down the field, stopping to sprinkle half a dozen trees. Yeti tagged behind us, then suddenly galloped past. Micky hasn't got onto the tradition yet. She did her own tour of the cedar rail fence.

There were many frozen puddles, and the ground was spongy from all the rain. Quite different from last December. Dog beat us to the dock. He was furiously sniffing the section the muskrat had obviously chosen for its winter lodgings. Small twigs and reeds stuck out between the side boards.

Surprisingly, overnight a half-inch skim of ice had formed around the edge of the bay. Some duck sounds came from the marsh around the bend.

The dusting of white against the grey trees, the clear blue sky reflected in the lake, and the play of our pets dispelled the gloom. The fresh air defuzzed our minds.

Dog tried to play with cat on the way back to the house. As usual, when he crossed the invisible line, Nanook got biffed. Halfway up the lane, Yeti jumped to my shoulders, where Nanook could not annoy him. When we all reached the porch, the dog made it clear he wanted his biscuit and a combing. The cats wanted in.

We have played away the morning. Such a simple thing, that walk, and standing on the dock with the sun on our faces. It didn't cost us one red cent. It was a gift of time, nurturing, and peace. Peace that put the rat race in its place, took some of the weight off our shoulders.

Peace. That's what this season is about. Peace, and a very important birthday celebration. Merry Christmas!



NORTHERN LIGHTS

Virginia Muenzel

Season of decisions

FROM page 10

We read from sacred scripture that he was betrothed to a lovely Jewish maiden, highly favoured in the sight of Almighty God, Our Blessed Mother was hand-picked by the Father to be the Mother of His Son - the Mother of the church. But Joseph's best friend was found to 'be with Child'. St. Joseph's choice was between his love for Mary and his honour within society. St. Joseph, not wanting to draw attention to himself, received a miracle. God intervened. An angel was sent from God telling St. Joseph that this Child of Mary's was really the work of the Holy Spirit and he should take Mary as his wife. What a relief! St. Joseph was now able to make his choice. St. Joseph trusted in the Father's message not knowing the full meaning of God's message through His angel. St. Joseph, a 'just' man, accepted our Lady as his wife and welcomed the Saviour of the world into his home along with Mary.

Can we share in St. Joseph's decision as we, too, welcome Jesus, the Christ Child into our homes this Christmas?

Our thoughts now turn to our Blessed Mother. The angel Gabriel appears to Mary telling her she has been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus - the Mother of the Church. Our Lady pondered deeply within her heart the significance of this invitation from the Father and yet, in all humanity accepted saying, "I am the Handmaid of the Lord". Mary's child would be born without sin. Mary made a wonderful choice. Mary also said, "Let it be done unto me according to Your Word." Mary's 'YES' gave the world the Son of God, our Saviour, the Messiah.

As we continue our journey in faith this Advent Season, we are making choices. How are we preparing to welcome the Christ Child at our Christmas services? Are we going to make the right choice? Do we have the faith and trust of St. Joseph? Do we have the humility and the obedience to the Father's will as experienced by our Blessed Lady? Mary and Joseph welcomed the Infant Child into their home with open arms. May our celebrations this Christmas give our Lord that same kind of welcome and hospitality!

On behalf of the parishioners of St. Anthony's Parish, Haliburton, we pray that this Christmas will be a time of joy and happiness for you and your family.

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STAR CHOICE

How do you like your Xmas?

IF DAN HAD TO COME UP with his favourite kind of Christmas, he would have a hard time. He had many to choose from and they were all special for different reasons. Some were special because of who he had been with at the time; others were special because of where he had been and still more were special because of something different that had happened.

For example, he could still remember the Christmas more years ago than he could count when he was positive he heard reindeer walking across the roof over his bedroom ceiling but was too terrified to sneak downstairs and catch Santa in the act.

Then there was the Christmas when his son was not quite a year old and he spent Christmas Eve in a doctor's waiting room, holding the feverish child and wishing his family were not on the other side of the country.

There was the first Christmas after he was married and his wife wanted to open their presents Christmas Eve, as was her family's custom. Being an agreeable newly wed, Dan had agreed only to find that by midnight he felt cheated, with Christmas Day not even dawning but feeling as though it had already come and gone. It was not until years later Dan came



DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

to realize that if Christmas joy spent with his wife was measured by when presents were unwrapped, the relationship was in trouble.

There had been Christmases when Christmas Eve was the best part because it meant midnight church service, egg nog and shortbread followed by 'Twas The Night Before Christmas read aloud as he snuggled up to his mother on the living room couch. Other years, Christmas Day had served up a long, deliciously drawn out breakfast of waffles and oranges followed by an even more long and deliciously drawn out unwrapping of presents. On those days, he and his sisters and parents took turns watching each other unwrap a gift. Childhood impatience bridled at being held back until the right time, but it made an all day affair of what otherwise could be over in less than an hour. To this day, Dan is convinced that is the reason he likes to eat his favourite foods very, very slowly, saving the best part for last.

He remembered the Christmas Day in Vancouver, where he walked down sloping

streets by the ocean and watched in amazement as cars slid downhill and slammed into each other after a slippery, surprise snowfall for which no one was prepared. And he would never forget the Christmas Eve he travelled between Winnipeg and Thunder Bay through a snowstorm thick as a blanket, his way often lit by the crooked headlights of cars upended in the ditches.

The first Christmas following his father's death by only weeks had been a sombre, forced affair he would never forget. On the other hand, the first Christmas spent in his very own apartment had been cramped but supremely satisfying.

Dan had sometimes traded Christmas stories with his friends over the years. It was the kind of conversation people had when they were feeling mellow, a touch of nostalgia mixing with the company of old friends and carols on the radio. He heard their stories about Uncle Bill and the mistletoe and they heard his stories about the drive from Winnipeg. Over egg nog, they shared their tales and learned a little more about each other before returning to their separate homes, perhaps to make a new set of memories for following years.

Boonieville

by Charlie Telford

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Editorial

Weeding out the urban snob

IF YOU LIVE HERE LONG ENOUGH, you're bound to run into one of them. They have no visible markings except for a nose that's rather upturned and a certain look around the eyes — if they happen to even condescend to look your way. Fortunately, there aren't many of them, making them very easy to avoid.

These people are urban snobs. The type of people who subscribe to the theory that society's cream rises to the top, the top being synonymous with big, as in bigger is better. Their logic works this way: if you're good at what you do, you do it in a city. Conversely, if you do it in a small town, it must mean that you can't "make it" in the tougher urban environment.

For fear of sounding like a rural snob, cities can be wonderful money makers.

"I honestly think it's a mistake to demolish the house," said Minden trustee Bryan Kernohan. "... Since we're so interested in generating revenue, to me I think it's a mistake to get rid of

be sitting there renting 10 houses in Haliburton and you'd be starving. You guys are day-dreaming. You can't make any money on that house."

Business administrator Jim Bradley has estimated it would



changes.

Money for the projects will come out of the board's 1997 budget and the work itself will likely take place in the summer.

The board is quickly trying to make the school fully accessible

Demolition

In anticipation of a several students in wheelchairs.

There is already one student at the school who uses a wheelchair, but is not confined to it.

In February another student who is confined to a wheelchair will begin classes at HHSS. The board expects at least one more student in a wheelchair — possibly two — to start at the school in September.

"We need to make the whole school accessible. A student coming to the school shouldn't be confined because of their disability," said superintendent of education Dale Robinson.

Over the long-term, ramps are a more attractive solution because they don't require any mechanical upkeep or ongoing costs.

But they are more problematic because they take up so much space and may force the board to undertake other major design changes, such as removing lockers and moving fire doors.

An architect estimated it will cost roughly \$15,000 to build one ramp and about \$18,000 to add a lift at a second stairway.

There's a slim chance the board may be able to get provincial funding to help cover the expenses, said Bradley.

If the Ministry of Education offers facility renewal funding in 1997, as it did this year, the board would be able to apply for grant money.

Bradley said it could take up to six months for the board to receive the lift, which would have to be custom-built to fit the school.

No grant cut for schools

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Bracing itself for a potentially damaging grant cut, Haliburton's school board is relieved the province has made the surprise decision to put away its scissors for the year ahead.

Education Minister John Snobelen announced on Friday that school board funding for 1997 will be frozen at 1996 levels, instead of being reduced as previously planned.

The province cut education grants by \$400-million this year and had alluded to a \$1-billion cut to come next year.

While Haliburton's new board chairwoman is glad the board won't suffer further cuts, she said it will still be difficult to cope with what little the board receives from the province.

"It could've been worse. It's still not a good thing, but it could've been a lot worse," said Cheryl Murdoch. "It's a reprieve, let's put it that way."

Last spring the Ministry of Education cut its transfer payments to the board by about \$325,000 to \$1.84-million from \$2.16-million.

The province had originally intended to chop the board's funding by roughly \$1.2-million, but reduced the size of the cut when it realized the devastating impact it would have on the system.

The Ontario Public School Boards' Association welcomes the funding freeze, but fears the move may be "window dressing" for cuts that could come in the new year when the province brings in changes to the education system.

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Trustees elect Murdoch to chair board



Cheryl Murdoch

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Long-time Lutterworth trustee Cheryl Murdoch has been named chairwoman of Haliburton County's school board for the third time in her 18-year career.

Murdoch, a former elementary school teacher, replaces Minden trustee Wendy Ladurantaye, who has chaired the board for the past 18 months.

Despite the province's announcement that it would not reduce education grants in 1997, Murdoch is anticipating a difficult year ahead.

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Consultant to prepare county workfare plan

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

County council will pay a consultant \$75 an hour to draft its plan on how to implement the new Ontario Works program, but by agreeing to do it now, the cost will be covered by the province.

The business plan is an essential part of the new social assistance system, commonly known as workfare. Except for people who are disabled, aged or sole supporting parents, anyone who receives welfare must now "make a reasonable effort to find a job and accept any reasonable offer of a job," explained Elizabeth Roy of the Ministry of Community and Social Services at Wednesday's meeting. This reasonable effort includes following a plan set out by the county, which pays 20% of general welfare.

Under a business plan, there must be such initiatives as employment supports and employment placement. It would be the county's job to contract with an employment agency to find participants a real job. This agency would be paid based on the savings of having that person get off welfare.

"It's a major, fundamental shift" in how welfare is administered, Roy said. "The expectation is that people will do everything they can to get a job. The government wants that the day they apply is the day they start thinking about how they get a job offer. But job recovery has lagged and we're not seeing the job recovery we'd like to see but we're hopeful it will happen. We don't want to 'warehouse' people on general welfare."

All municipalities or counties must have Ontario Works in place by the end of 1997. The government has money for the one-time cost of writing the business plan and setting up the program (i.e. buying a computer and possibly moving to a new location.) The caveat is the county must have a plan prepared by March 31.

And because welfare is a mandatory service, first guaranteed in the British North America Act, it's mandatory that the county become involved with Ontario Works.

The local concern is that with the county's seasonal employment rate, it will be very difficult to find jobs for people. Preliminary discussions have Haliburton's business plan including a component for training instead of work.

With every county having to draft a plan, and most wanting to do it now to have the province pay for it, the social services committee recommended that the county approach Victoria about doing parts of the plan jointly. This recommendation was backed by Roy.

Most councillors, however, did not believe there was any money to be saved by approaching Victoria. The consultant, who is getting contracts virtually across the province because of his experience in working with the Ministry, will be paid the same rate and many felt it would take the same amount of time, roughly 155 hours.

The counter argument was the county could save money in such things as developing similar forms. Down the road there could be savings in the bulk purchasing of training and employment placement services.

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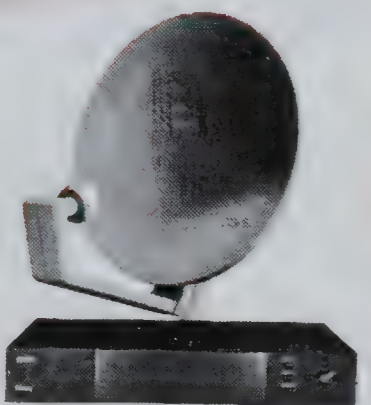
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Huskies dominate Beaverton in win

Husky Major Tyke Talk
By Vince and Chris Duchene

Ho, Ho, Holy cow, what a game we played! Yes, folks, chalk up another "W" in the Win column for the Husky Major Tyke team.

On Saturday for the first time we hosted Beaverton, the squad we'd been told was the "Team to Beat" in our new loop.

Beaverton looked strong early on in the contest with a couple of great chances. A break away in the first minute of play that was turned away by Ian "The Cat" Sachs was an indication that this team was a little better than some we had faced in the first half of the season.

Our boys woke up after that great save and just 51 seconds into the first period, Cody Hodgson put us up 1 - 0 on a nice pass from Matthew Duchene. The 1st period was

• HALIBURTON • MAJOR TYKE

played pretty much on the Beaverton side of centre.

The second period started where the first left off. As the boys fought hard in the Beaverton end, Mitchell Vasey, eyes focused on the net, dug the puck out of a scramble and blasted a shot past a sprawling goaltender. Great goal Mitch. Dallyn Smith had a huge part in that goal keeping the puck in the zone and continually fighting for the disc. His best game of the year was in this contest against Beaverton. Good work Dallyn.

Our attack was balanced and our defense was flawless. Kenton Winn was outstanding as usual making several great defensive plays. This guy is solid as a rock on our blueline

and he has excellent defensive partners, including Ryan Scheffee, Devin Hunter and Curtis Barker who, game in and game out, give 100%.

As the second period was winding down, we found ourselves on a three-man break-away which ended with a goal from Tyler Watson. At that point just five seconds remained and the clock read 3 - 0 for Haliburton.

The line of Mitchell Vasey, Kyle Evans and Max Ambridge continued their strong two-way play to open the third period. This line has dominated its opponents and gets stronger every game.

After Ian Sachs made a couple more outstanding saves, Matthew Duchene coralled the puck, sent a cross ice pass to Tyler Watson who carried it into the opposing end, performed a "Savardian Spinnerama" and returned the pass to Matthew who was parked alone in front of the net. GOAL!

We finished off the game with Cody Hodgson and Tyler adding another goal each with an assist going to Curtis Barker. Make the final 6 - 1.

We have quite a few games in the future including a one day tournament in Minden on December 21 and a first-time match against Mariposa the following day. We'll keep you informed.

Many thanks to Barb Winn and all the parents who helped out for our Christmas Party. Barb did a wonderful job and we sincerely thank her for booking Santa so far in advance. It was a real treat to see him considering his busy schedule this time of year.

From the two of us and all the parents and boys on our hockey team, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. Talk to you in the new year.



RUSTIC REST STOP: As a project for their Construction Technology class, Grade 11 students Gavin McElwain, Jon Consack and Ian Covert built this outhouse for the Nordic Trails Association to be put along the ski trails at Glebe Park. The class is looking for other practical building projects it can do for local non-profit organizations.

Husky Minor Tykes get back winning form in big game against Ops

In a highly entertaining game last Sunday in Haliburton, the Husky Minor Tykes regained their winning form against a feisty team from Ops. The first period was a barn burner with the local boys pouring on the offence but the Ops goalie came up bit time after time denying the Huskies' efforts. With only seconds left in the first an opportunistic Ops attacker opened the scoring and set the stage for a Husky comeback.

Early in the second, Mac Trueman, playing a truly inspired game, walked around a couple of Ops defenders and slid a perfect pass to Jesse Woodward who buried the puck into the yawning cage to tie the game. Eight minutes later the Huskies took the lead for good when Nelson Evans took a feed from Chase Thurston.

Scott Griffith, a recent call-up, looked right at home when he scored a beauty early in the third, and James Roberts added more insurance when he broke in on a breakaway. Lane Schmidt was superb in the nets and came up with big saves. The final was 4 - 1 Huskies.

Novice Rockets bounce back after misfiring in Minden

by JOHN MORIN

On December 12, the Novice Rockets played in Minden. This turned out to be one of those frustrating games where nothing went right. The boys got turned away at every step and fell 3 - 0 to an inspired Minden team.

On December 14, the team hosted the Mariposa Lightning, who by all accounts were the team to beat this year. The Rockets came out with a whole different attitude. This high paced, well played game was

scoreless until late in the first when the Rockets took the lead on a goal by Kanan Quibell, assisted by James Thompson. The game went back and forth with good passing and some outstanding goaltending at both ends until early in the third when Kanan Quibell extended the Rockets' lead to 2 - 0 on an unassisted marker. Mariposa made it close but in the end the Rockets' excellent defensive play helped them prevail with a hard-earned 2 - 1 victory. Job well done, boys.

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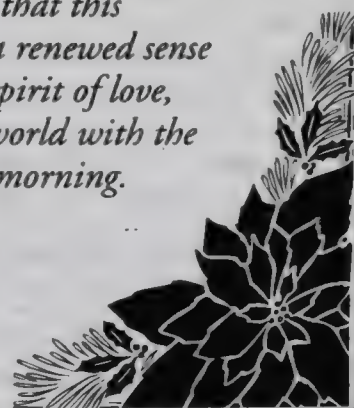


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As I reflect back, I am especially grateful for the gift of new friendships and the good times we've shared. At this time of year I pray that this Christmas will bring to everyone a renewed sense of hope and a rekindling of that spirit of love, peace and joy that came into the world with the birth of Jesus that first Christmas morning.

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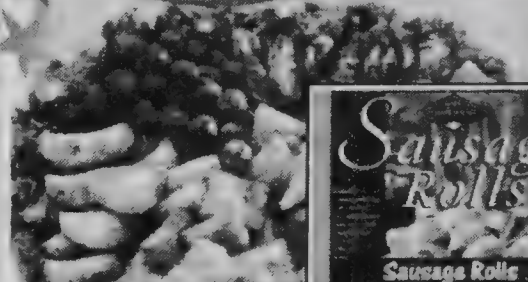
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OMHA Atoms advance in Silver Stick tournament

Huskies net victories in Sutton, Newmarket

by BRYAN BROWN

On December 6, the OMHA Atom Huskies had their seventh win in 10 games when they outdistanced the Mariposa Lightning 7 - 3. The Huskies led 2 - 0 after a period on Ross Gerry's low wristshot from Joel Cooper and Joel Cooper's finishing touch on a three-way passing play. Then it was Adam Hutson scoring unassisted on a breakaway and Joey Sisson chipping in a pass from Joel Cooper. The Huskies added three third period markers en route to a 7 - 3 final score: Joel Cooper, Adam Hutson, and Josh Brown scoring with 19 seconds to play.

The following day the Huskies travelled to Wasaga Beach to compete in the regional qualifying round of the Silver Stick tournament. In their first game the Huskies appeared to be somewhat intimidated by a very large team from Wasaga Beach. However, after giving up an early goal the Huskies tied the game when Brandon Bowman cashed in Joel Cooper's rebound. The last two periods were very even, but Wasaga Beach would score the game's only other goal early in the second period as Haliburton fell 2 - 1.

In their second game of the round-robin event, the Huskies played Sutton, knowing that a loss would eliminate any aspirations of advancing to the next qualifying round.

Unfortunately for the Huskies, centre Shawn McInnes was home with the flu, leaving only nine skaters for Coach Cooper to work his magic with. As a result, defenceman Josh Brown was asked to fill in between Adam Hutson and Brandon Bowman. This move proved to be a good one when Brandon Bowman deflected Jeremy Miscio's point shot home. Haliburton continued to carry the play early into the second when a frightening event happened to Josh Brown. As he was shooting the puck down the ice prior to a line change he appeared to catch his left skate in a

(with assists to Joel Cooper, Ross Gerry, and Norm Smith). Unfortunately for the Huskies, they were clearly out of gas against the fully manned Sutton team. That left it up to goaltender Jeremy Moynes, who unquestionably turned in his finest performance of the season by repeatedly 'stoning' his opponents. According to Coach Cooper "it was all Jeremy, especially in the last minute" until Joey Sisson was able to dump a loose puck out of the Husky zone and into an empty net for a 4 - 2 lead. Joel Cooper also added an empty net marker to make the final score 5 - 2.

Five hours later the Huskies took to the ice against Orangeville AE knowing that a win would mean a trip to the next round on December 29th. With that incentive and Josh Brown back in the line-up the Huskies went to the attack immediately and crushed their opponents 8 - 0. Jeremy Moynes and Alex Frybort shared the shutout, while goal scorers included Ross Gerry with three, and singles to Norm Smith, Brandon Bowman, Joey Sisson, Adam Hutson and Josh Brown.

On a personal note I would like to take a moment to thank each of the parents, players, coaches and fellow fans who offered Josh and I support and comfort in what was truly a very frightening few hours for both of us.

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rut on the ice and was catapulted head first into the boards. For more than 20 minutes he lay motionless on the ice while ambulance attendants and local officials took the appropriate action to prepare him for a trip to the Collingwood Hospital. More than 100 spectators watched silently and held their collective breaths hoping the best for this young boy who after a couple of hours, several x-rays and countless tests was told by the doctor "you were lucky son".

When the game resumed Coach Cooper was left with only eight skaters who held their own and a 3 - 2 lead with two goals by Joey Sisson

NORDIC NOTES

Freeze and thaw anxiety strikes x-country skiers

by BLAKE PATON

Skiers are finding that December's weather leaves much to be desired, and every right-thinking person is fondly remembering the early snow of last November and December. I have devised a top-ten list to commemorate the past month of freeze-and-thaw anxiety:

10. Go carpet skiing: test your equipment indoors! Feel really dumb.
9. Call telephone operator in Yukon Territories. Ask about snow.
8. Wax skis again. Heave a deep sigh.
7. Think about doing some pre-season training.
6. Salivate over latest mail-order catalogue of ski stuff you can live without, but would prefer not to.
5. Stare at the sky. Heave a deep sigh.
4. Write a letter to Santa asking for snow.
3. Create new curses to describe the weather forecast.
2. Think about more pre-season training.
1. Have a friend shake confetti from your roof to simulate a snowfall.

The news from the World Cup circuit in Europe includes two races, one in Davos, Switzerland on the 13th and 14th, and the other in Obertsdorf, Italy on the 17th of December. The Davos race brought Canada's best result of the year, and on the women's side, too, as Beckie Scott of Vermilion, Alberta brought home the best women's result in years by placing 29th in a 15 km. skate. This result is significant because it may allow the Canadian team to place a third member into the women's individual races for the rest of this year.

The Canadian men churned out respectable results in both events, and skied some really strong relay legs in Davos. The scary news is that Bjorn Daehlie won both individual races quite handily, pushing his World Cup record to 32 victories.

For last minute shoppers or Boxing Day bargain hunters, here are some ideas for clothing purchases to get your wardrobe ready for the first ski days of the year.

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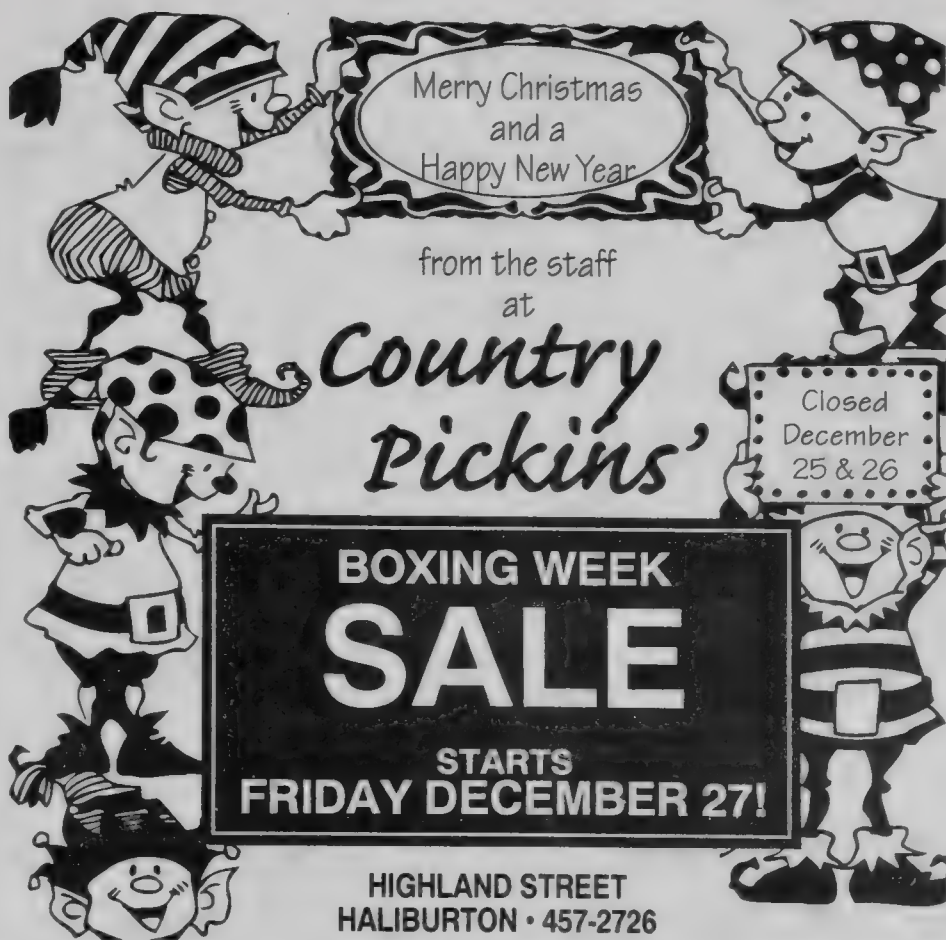
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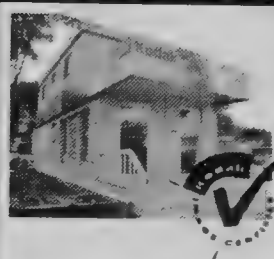
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Oldtimers aren't denying GST, that's Good Solid Teamwork

by KEN RILEY

To GST or not to GST, that is the question. Our Prime Minister has been in big trouble lately over what he actually said during the election about abolishing the GST. To clarify the situation he released this statement, "To all da peepoles of Canada I would like to say dat I'm sorry da dey are sorry over da sorry tax we call da GST. I am sorry dat all 26 million of you thought dat I said I would abolish da GST when in fact I said dat I would create a new tax,

da FUT (full utility tax) where each Canadian would have da privilege to pay 7% on all goods and services dey use. Quite da improvement eh? I would like to say dat I'm sorry to all dos dat misunderstood me, but being Prime Minister means never having to say you're sorry." This is an historic statement coming from Mr. Chrétien because for the first time he was caught talking out of both sides of his mouth!

Here in Oldtimerville we can't see what all the fuss is about. Not only do we have GST (good solid

teamwork), we also have PST (pretty sensational tending), as witnessed by the following.

In the first game of the evening between Bancroft Canadian Tire and the Clarkson Plumbers, the goalies were definitely the stars of the show. After two periods the teams were locked in a 0 - 0 tie. The Tiremen were the first on the board on a goal off the stick of Ted Van Dusen. The score remained 1 - 0 until the five-minute mark when the Plumbers plunged in three late ones to win it 3 - 1. Saving the day for the

Clarksons were Frank Powers, Joe Roberts and Jerry Walker. Putting on the goaltending clinic was CTC's Craig Walton and the Plumbers' Kevin Finch.

Game two saw the Haliburton Hawks facing Whitney. It was close for the first two periods with the Hawks taking a 4 - 3 lead into the third. In the final frame the Hawks exploded for five unanswered goals to end it, Hawks 9 - Whitney 3. Finding net for Haliburton was Dan Ambridge, Bob Woodcock and Ted Vasey, all with two; singles went to Derrell Stamp, Rick Wood and Brian Mulholland. Peter Palbiski had all three of Whitney's goals.

Game three was a nailbiter from start to finish with Apsley taking on the Wilberforce Golden Ponders. The Ponders took the lead. Apsley tied it late in the period on one from Jerry Hollovich. In the second, Wilberforce got a short-handed goal from Tony DeCarlo to put them on top for good. This set up a period and a half of end to end action and good netminding from Apsley's Lou Dummit and Wilber's Blaine Lewis. This one went right to the buzzer with Apsley having a final flurry, but Wilberforce hung on to win it 2 - 1!

The old boys are off for the Christmas holidays but they'll be back January 9 with more fun for the fans! So get out to Wilberforce where the only taxing thing is watching them play!

Rocket Bantams land win

by SUE CLARKSON

Late Friday night the Wilberforce Bantams travelled to Cannington to challenge the Beaverton Blades. We were able to net two goals and go up 3 - 0 over the Blades. The Blades' penalty minutes tallied twenty-one while the Rockets' total was seven. Beaverton hustled in the third but to no avail. Final score: Rockets 8, Blades 3.

Congratulations to Asia Mangan on scoring her first goal of the season as well as it being the first goal of the night. Lindsay Logan recorded her first assist of the season as well. Shane Parks had a banner night with two goals and three assists, Adam Clarkson tallied four assists, Ricky Huffman netted two, with one assist, Jason Woodcox earned a hat trick of assists, Sean Critch scored one goal, with one assist, Garrett Kemp and Brent Bolger each netted one and Ian Brown recorded another assist. As you can see, with 10 players earning points out of 13, it was a real team effort. Though defencemen Jason Kemp and Adam Passaretti, and goaltender, Tyler Stire recorded no points, they were solid defensively.

Wilberforce Rocket Atoms turn on the boosters to tie Fenelon Falls

by SUE CLARKSON

In a recent match against Fenelon Falls, the Wilberforce Atoms were slow to start, allowing Fenelon to open the scoring in the latter part of the first. Shortly after, Terry Bannon took the puck down the length of the ice, passed it through the legs of a Falcon defenceman and Mitchell Clarkson picked it up to slam it home and tie the game. We had some opportunities in the second but by the end of the period we were down 3 - 1. Coach Davidson pulled the goalie in an effort to bring the team alive. It worked, starting

off with a goal by Mitchell, assisted by Terry. With Matt Davidson back in net and the Rockets filled with new speed, Brandon Logan scored on an end to end rush to bring us within one. With two minutes left, the face-off in Falcon territory, a sixth attacker went out. Brandon passed to Darren Mantifel who scored to tie the game. Final: Rockets 4, Fenelon 4.

The following day the boys challenged Beaverton. The Blades took the lead late in the first but the Rockets tied it up shortly after. This period had a lot of good end to end play.

Matt was kept busy in the second around the net. As a matter of fact, he kept 19 out of 21 shots from crossing the line this game, including several break-aways. Once the team got back on track, the rest was Rocket history. Darren recorded an astounding four assists, defenceman Paul Hutchinson tallied a super hat trick of assists, Mitchell scored a hat trick, Brandon Logan produced one of each, Andi Sayers tallied two assists and Josh MacKay with one assist. This was a real team effort as indicated by the number of assists. Final: Rockets 5, Blades 2.

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Women: High Average - Marlene Robinson, 212; High Single - Marlene Robinson, 308; High Single HC - Marlene Robinson, 322; High Triple - Marlene Robinson, 739; High Triple HC - Marlene Robinson, 780.

December 19, Thursday Seniors:

Men: High Average - Jerry Warren/Ray Lymer, 192; High Single - Jerry Warren, 222; High Single HC - Jerry Warren, 247; High Triple - Fred Knight, 582; High Triple HC - Fred Knight, 684.

Women: High Average - Carolyn Beer, 172; High Single - Carolyn Beer, 202; High Single HC - Carolyn Beer/Eileen Shepstone, 245; High Triple - Carolyn Beer, 585; High Triple HC - Carolyn Beer, 714.

December 21, Legion 636 Mixed:

Men: High Average - Fred Knight, 197; High Single - Maurice Winterflood, 258; High Single HC - Maurice Winterflood, 321; High Triple - Fred Knight, 617; High Triple HC - Maurice Winterflood, 764.

Women: High Average - Georgina Parkes, 164; High Single - Carlie McDonald, 208; High Single HC - Carlie McDonald, 287; High Triple - Maxine Cross, 575; High Triple HC - Carlie McDonald, 720.

Wilberforce Tykes victorious

Adam DeCarlo paces Rocket blast with four-goal night

by SANDY JOHNSTON

Once again the Wilberforce Rocket Tykes traded their practice time for a game with the Haliburton Huskies. The Rockets opened up the scoring in the first with a goal by Adam DeCarlo assisted by Andi Donaldson. In the second period a Rocket attack was launched with Jesse Tallman, Andi

Donaldson, and Travis MacKay each scoring a goal, as well as Josh Townsend, assisted by Jesse Tallman and Julian Forget. Still in the second Adam DeCarlo scored two more goals, one of them assisted by Andi Donaldson. Busy second period guys! In the third period of the game, Adam DeCarlo scored his fourth marker of the night and the final goal of the

evening, assisted by Kyle Steele. Congratulations Adam on your hat trick, plus one. Goalies Jeremy Orth, Matthew Johnston and Michelle Riddel all had a great game. Keep up the hard work boys! Final score: Rockets 8, Huskies 1.

On Saturday, December 14, the Rockets travelled to Minden to play the Monarchs. In the first period Travis scored the

first goal for the Rockets and that was it until the final period of play. Jesse got the final marker of the match for the Rockets assisted by Andi and Adam. Goalie Matthew Johnston made some good saves. Also Kyle played a good game as did all the boys, especially considering they were short a lot of players. Final score: Monarchs 5 - Rockets 2.

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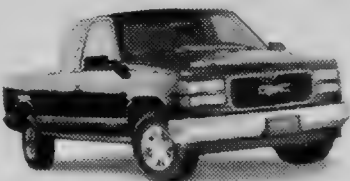
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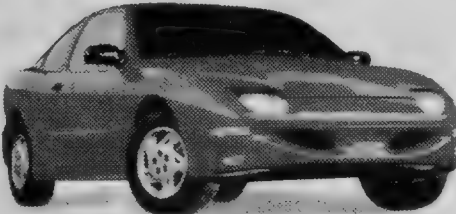
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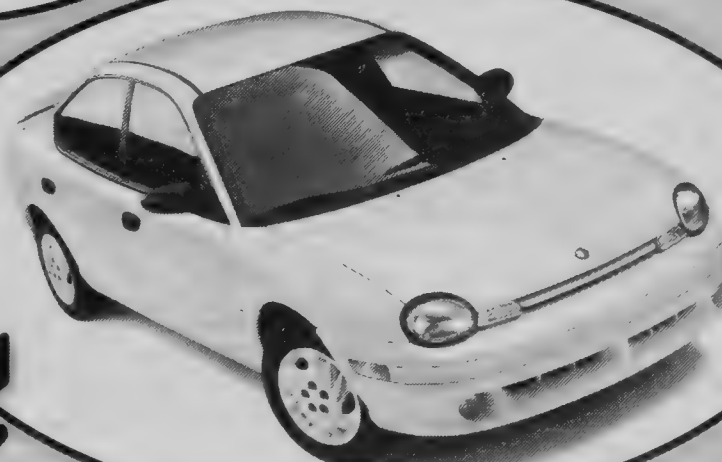


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Private sector will fill gap for admail service, say Canada's community newspapers

The Canadian Community Newspapers Association and Les Hebdomas Du Québec say the private sector will create new jobs and fill the gap left when Canada Post abandons delivery of Unaddressed Economy Admail on December 31.

"The private sector will thrive in the place of Canada Post, creating thousands of new jobs and increased opportunity for retailers and advertisers," says Michael Anderson, CCNA's Executive Director. "Quite bluntly, CUPW has it wrong and

the federal government has it right."

The CCNA and Les Hebdomas assert that Canada Post has been effectively undercutting the private sector marketplace in their admail operations, thereby eliminating fair competition and squelching private sector activity. With the government's decision to remove Canada Post from the Unaddressed Economy market, the private sector will be free to compete for advertiser's dollars, creating vibrant competitive forces and new jobs.

"Once the private sector is convinced that Canada Post is out for good of this business, there will be a stampede to fill the marketplace gap," said Francine Bouchard, Executive Director of Les Hebdomas. "Individual community newspapers, daily newspapers, private delivery forces, local consortiums of distributors and even retailers - all of these actors will move to set up competitive delivery mechanisms and they will require new workers to fill those jobs."



FOOD BANK HELP: Rose Barry of the 4Cs accepts a donation of \$250 from Haliburton County Real Estate Board members: Madeline Doyle of Bowes and Cocks, Donna Graham of Dorothy Graham Real Estate and Linda Baumgartner of Re/Max, president of the real estate board. The board also donated food, clothes and toys to the food bank.

Economist's book makes strong argument for Highlands' hospitals

At Thursday's health services meeting, chairman Hugh Nichol read this excerpt from *Boom, Bust and Echo*, a book by David Foot, economist at University of Toronto.

Nichol said it perfectly summed up the situation in Haliburton County.

Health care planners seem especially eager to close hospitals in outlying areas whose populations are currently too small to support them. These planners are oblivious to the fact that in their 50s and 60s, many people choose to move back to the country. This phenomenon has already been seen in European countries that have older populations than Canada. Over the next two decades, as 9.8 million babyboomers turn 50, we will witness a significant exodus from big-city Canada to small-town Canada. The participants in this exodus are going to need the same hospitals that provincial governments want to close in the mid-1990s.

Governments should view small-town hospitals not as a burden on the health care budget but as a powerful tool for the

economic development of rural regions. In the years to come, the reassuring presence of a good local hospital will act as a magnet for relatively prosperous new retirees, whose arrival will create new demand for goods and services. These people will bring new wealth with them rather than drawing their incomes from the local economy in competition with the original residents. It is already happening in the Okanagan and other parts of the B.C. interior, where people from Vancouver and other major cities have settled after deciding to trade their city homes for some small-town tranquility. This is one scenario where increased population really does lead to increased prosperity - something that many parts of Canada haven't seen much of in recent times. A region that loses its

local hospital may be losing its best chance for economic rebirth.

Caution urged on lakes

People should use extreme caution if they want to venture onto Highlands lakes this Christmas break.

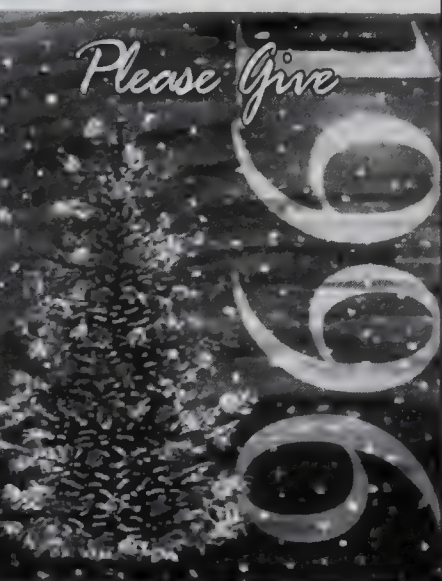
Winter has come late to the Highlands, and many lakes were still open in the days leading to Christmas. If there's a cold snap, lakes may develop a

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Casse Stovin, Brittany Porter and Julie Mitton lead the way singing a few Christmas carols

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

THERE'S ONE statement the kids at the Minden Outreach Centre will never be able to get away with, at least when Judith Merritt is around – "but you don't under-

stand..."

Whenever she hears that age-old lament, she'll be able to sit down with the young boy or girl and say "oh but I do, I really do."

When Merritt was a young girl, she had what she calls "a rough life": being adopted twice

followed by a stint at the Browndale youth centre and 13-year reliance on drugs. That type of life doesn't exist any more, thanks to her faith and the strength it gave her to turn herself around.

Today, Merritt is a pastor with Put the Word Into Action Ministries and she wants to make sure kids don't have to go through that rough stage, or that they keep it as brief as possible. Against all odds and financial challenges, she's re-opened the centre in the former IGA building in Minden, providing kids with a place where they can gather and have fun. A place other than a street corner.

"I have a real heart for the kids," she says on a recent Friday night, finding a quiet time in her office as the kids watch a fun play about Christmas on the internet. "I know where these kids are coming from. I know where they're hurting."

Terry Goodwin is a probation officer. He sees the value of the centre in two ways. "It gets kids off the street and if it's successful when they're younger, they won't be hanging around the streets when they're teenagers," he says. He's also placed one of

his clients with the centre to help the volunteer adults.

For Merritt, the centre's new home is a gift from God – with a lot of help from a very supportive community. She first started her youth program in September of '94 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. But when the school was closed – March Break, Christmas, summer – the centre had to close, too. Then, earlier this year, she returned from spending three months as a missionary in Israel to read there was space to rent in the Bobcaygeon Road building. The landlord, Dave Dollo, agreed to cut the rent in half once he learned what the space was to be used for.

Space is great; filling it is quite another issue. That's when the community came to her rescue again. The Minden Legion donated \$500 and the Minden Rotary Club will donate \$5,000 to help with the rent. Other people donated their time to decorate and anything else they thought the centre might need. Donations included: The Rental Store, use of scaffolding and ladders; Operation Chill Out, couches and chairs; Minden

See MINDEN page 26



A COMMUNITY EFFORT: Taking part in the ribbon cutting at the new home of the Minden Outreach Centre recently were Shain Duda and Chris Baumhour, foreground, and Maurice Winterflood of the Minden Legion, Rev. Judith Merritt, and Nora Snyder and Barry Cray of the Minden Rotary Club.

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Minden pitches in for centre

FROM page 25

Home Hardware, a crokinole board plus net for ping pong, paddles and balls; and CSSM, a pool table plus half the proceeds of \$1-a-game fee. If the kids want to work out at Brian Shaw's gym next door, he's offered them a special deal.

All the "staffing" is volunteer and Greg Stevens is helping out through the Futures program. The centre's executive includes Merritt as president, Rev. Bob Power as vice-president, and Sandra Patenaude as secretary.

At present, the centre is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5 to 9 p.m.. Ages have ranged from 5 to 21 and while religion is part of the centre's raison d'être, it is non-denominational. It's free or by donation except for Friday nights when kids are asked to bring a dollar to help pay for the video. Kids can play card games, pool, find a table where they can do their home work, talk, or read a book. There are few rules: swearing costs you a quarter, as will picking on someone. You fight, you leave.

Merritt says she knew all the work was worth it one night when a young boy said "thank you. I can come here now instead of getting in trouble."

"We're loving them, showing them they're worth something, that there's hope," she says. "They have so much idle time and a lot of time they can't afford to play hockey or skate."

All kids are welcome, as are people who have time to share with the kids. Financial donations or anything the kids may be able to use will never be turned away either.

... Judith Merritt gets up from her desk as three volunteers — Lois Foster, Eileen Isaac and Shawn Sinclair — finish with their puppet play. The kids are rambunctious after sitting still for so long, but all Merritt has to do is clap her hands and the room falls silent again. She thanks the performers and leads everyone in a short prayer.

"God answers," she says. It's true for her and her dream of the outreach centre and she hopes it will also be true for the kids who find their way there.

Christmas on Victoria Street

To make room for all the parents, family, and friends, the annual Victoria Street School concert was held at St. George's Anglican Church on Thursday.

Photos by
MARTHA PERKINS



The costumes were delightful, as were the smiles of the children during their time in the spotlight



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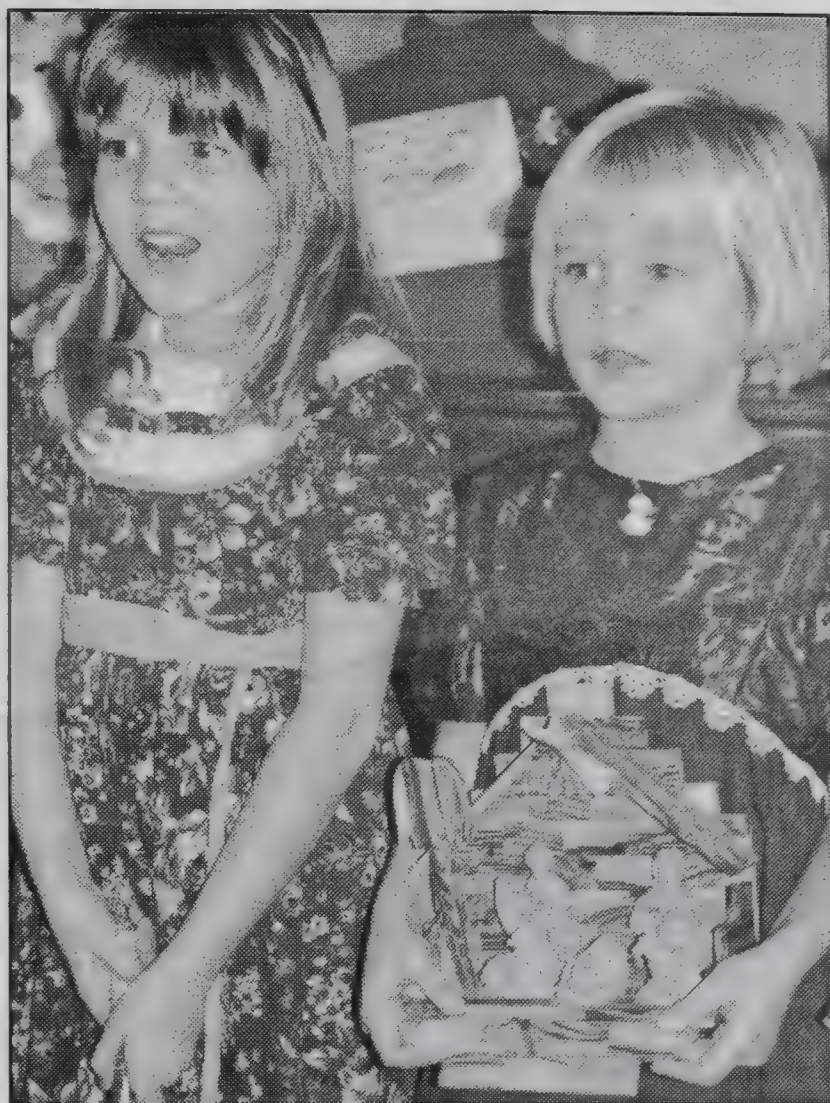
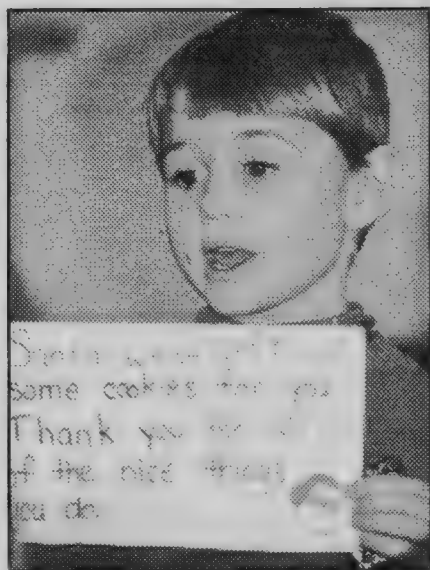
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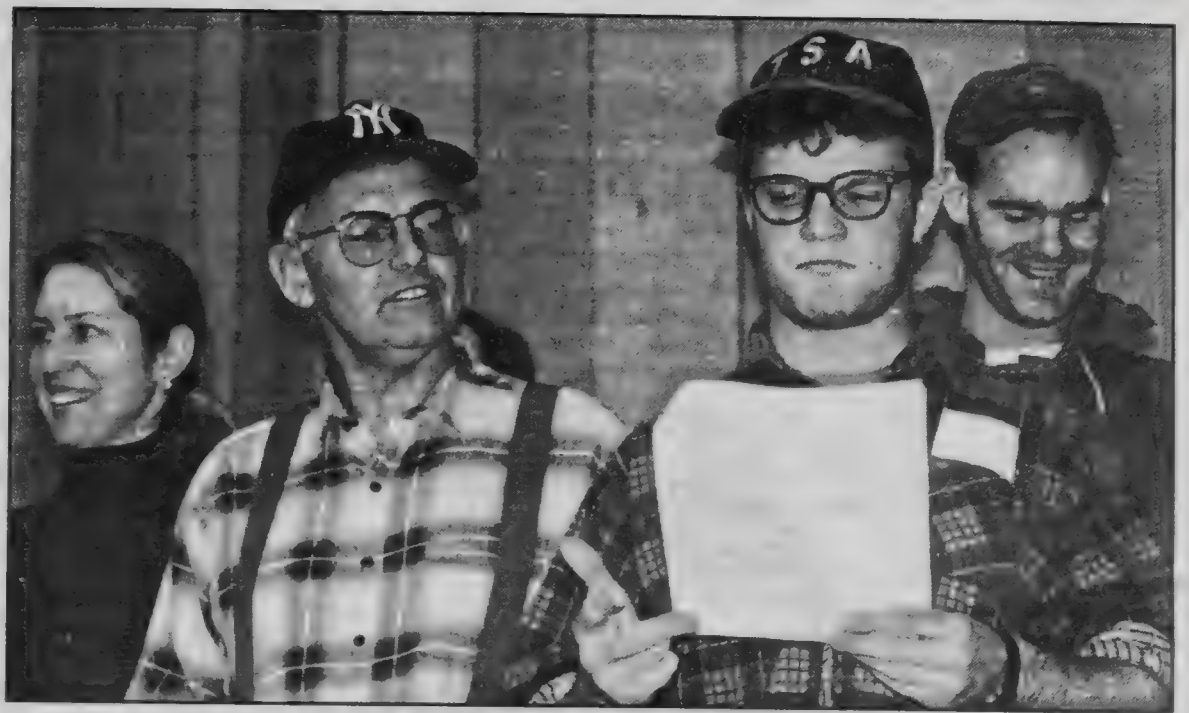
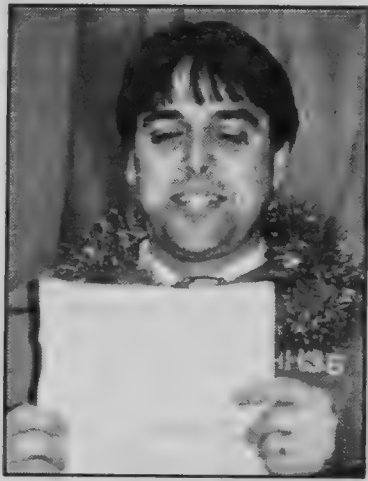
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A CHRISTMAS LESSON



When the provincial government cuts Christmas, teachers at HHSS fight to get it back



Clockwise from far left: Jennifer Paton sings a carol; Tom Dibblee reads a letter to Santa (written on a computer of course); Linda Saul, Bob Penfold, Paul Klose and Derek Little work on their to do list; Walter Tose as his alter ego; Jean Levis, Chris Johnston and Kit Pizzev blow a tune on beer bottles; and Glen Scully as Ebenezer Snobolen makes life tough on Paul Longo. Photos by Martha Perkins



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Hyland Crest residents keep busy

It's not long until Christmas now. At our Christmas Bake and Craft Sale, the winner of the hand-made quilt. The draw winners were: folk art doll (donated by Doris Robertson), won by Andrew Hewitt; and Santa's mail box (donated by Home Hardware), won by Jim Gilligan; Christmas cherub (donated by Dottie Muirhead), won by Janet Donnelly; ceramic mouse (donated by Sharon Stoughton-

Craig), won by Gayle Kaye; and Crow's Nest Wreath (donated by Linda Fry), won by Dottie Muirhead. Thanks to all who supported the resident council including the volunteers who worked so hard to make our sale a huge success. A turkey raffle also took place. Winners: Vera Stevens, Judy Stevenson and Dr. Ben Wu. The winner of the \$1500 cash draw was Marie O'Leary.

We would like to wel-

come our new residents: Mr. Foyster, Ann McKay, Laura Upton and Iris Fratalocchi.

Our home at the present time is a little topsy turvey due to the decorating of the residents' area on the first floor. At present, all residents are on the main floor. Please excuse the confusion.

Walter and Vera Stevens are celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary. On December 23 they will be visiting their daughter in Hunter Creek Estates to celebrate the occasion. Congratulations.

Our best wishes to the following who celebrated birthdays in December: Isobel Craig, Harold Wright, Reginald Booth, Annie Schultz and Louise Bishop. Upcoming birthdays in early January - Jan. 1 - Iris Fratalocchi, Jan. 3 - Mary Cassidy and Henry Howe.

Everyone here wishes you a safe and happy Christmas. See you in the new year.

Festive spirit galore at parties

Christmas parties galore!

Last Friday night was the annual Frost Centre party attended by Pat and Barry Martin and Kathleen Owens.

The party for the Calvin/Phrona Sisson family which 42 attended was held on December 14 at the centre. Gift exchange occurred at this time and taped music provided background for the pot luck supper and fun.

Santa Claus visited Bill Burden's store on Saturday afternoon. Elves were also in attendance and I missed it all!

Maple Lake United Church's Christmas supper added to the lively festive spirit.

Mary Packard hosted the Scottish Country Dancers at Echo Hills apartments with Christmas goodies and refreshments following the regular practice on Monday, December 15. From this area that

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Eleanor Cooper

754-2388

included Kathleen Owens, Earl and I and Jock Mavor.

On Tuesday, the 17th, several women from St. Andrew's congregation as well as Sandy Griffiths and Italo Mazzone from the Corner Café came to my place for Christmas goodies and singing of carols and Christmas songs. Special guests were Dianne Greaves and little two-month-old Clarissa!

Jaime Bilodeau is to be congratulated on the excellence of her singing in "The Glory of Christmas". She comes from a long line of singers!

Friday, December 13 was the Farmers' Association dinner at the Centre with about 44 present for the pot luck din-

ner and the Chinese auction afterwards. The Cowlings and Linda and Shane Sisson provided the Guilford content.

At the chapel on Sunday night the children presented a most appealing concert with the Christmas message interspersed with carols sung by all present. Andrew Brown, Ian Farrell, Kerry Schakelaar and Meredith Brown performed instrumental selections very nicely. Little children in the familiar pageant quite won the hearts of the receptive if somewhat prejudiced audience! We loved it all. Trevor Moore, Bryan Farrell and Graham Schakelaar shared the honours as MC's, so a lot of people got a bit of good experience in presentation.

The usual Chapel hospitality was extended to all afterwards as we enjoyed the refreshments served by the ladies of the church.

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The Proposed By-law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Municipal Office in the Township of Stanhope on the 8th day of January, 1997 at the hour of 11:30 a.m. and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent and person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applied to be heard.



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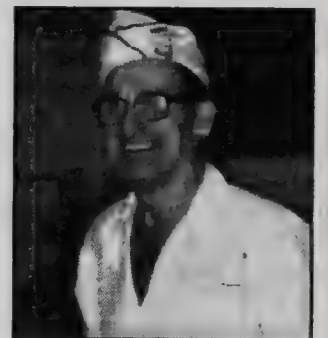
Murray was a 15-year-old experimenting in his mother's Hamilton

kitchen when he first experienced his obsession with creating fine foods. From there it was up, up and away. Even while a Flight Instructor, and aerobatics pilot on Air Force bases during the Second World War, if his feet were on the ground, he had cake baking in his little apartment oven. Over the years he has insisted upon old-fashioned methods and standards to keep producing what enthusiastic fans have dubbed "the fruitcake for people who

don't like fruitcake."

Linkert, who owns Linkert Country Bakery in Wilberforce, is still happier "experimenting and developing something different," than doing anything else. On the 60th anniversary of his baking career, he says he'll continue his entries in this log book for as long as possible. It's still far too enjoyable to "play around" in the shop that is proud to use his name, and carry on his traditions.

He'll keep on flying



Murray Linkert

high, (in the bakery, that is), and we're very happy he's not about to bail out just yet.

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For further information please contact Mrs. Sandy Lawrence, Director of Purchasing at (705) 749-1554, Ext. 5554.

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Sealed Tenders will be accepted only at the Purchasing Office, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Room 414, Brealey Building, Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario until 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 10th, 1997, at which time they will be opened in public.

A \$50.00 refundable deposit is required for each set of documents. A set consists of one set of specifications and one set of blue prints.

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Last evening I reread Chapter 13 of "In the Fullness of Time: The Story of Eagle Lake - Lumbering Operations at Eagle Lake."

As a comparative newcomer when I was researching the area's history how could I learn of the heyday of the hardwood lumbering operations in my community? Even the vocabulary - slabs, bolts, edgerman, bandsaw filer, lumber scaler, millwright - were

foreign to me.

Now written, the names of men who manned the local sawmills reads like a Who's Who of the resident families then.

It was Glen Hodgson who rescued me and provided most of the information. Some of it, I now realize, was gleaned from his father Clayton's experience.

We have been fortunate to have such a politically oriented family in our community - Clayton,

Glen and now Chris Hodgson as Haliburton's MPP. Glen knew

everybody and was a great ways-and-means source and a mine of knowledge.

On the Museum Board he was our information source on all items of early industry: where to locate an alligator (not the Florida Everglades sort), or a thrasher.

RHUBARB PATCH

Eagle Lake News

Ruth Still
754-2602

He was a keen observer. He could be complimentary, "She's one of the smartest women in the county," of an obscure figure. Or he could be scathing about ineptitude or bureaucracy.

He will be missed. We have lost a leader who will not easily be replaced.

I was also, on reading, made painfully aware of the march of generations,

each having its brief appearance on the stage of history for about 30 years then disappearing. If not recorded, their efforts to better life for posterity are lost forever.

Of those whom I consulted, to write the 1994 book at least five are gone or can no longer recall past events.

As a special Christmas gift to grandparents, just sit with them and draw them out about their lives in the '20s and '30s. This, for most, predated hydro, indoor plumbing or water on tap and certainly TV, computers or technology. You'll hear some rare tales.

To end...one such story! As a child we lived 30 miles north of Lake Erie

and once a year we had a family picnic day at the beach. The broad Atlantic Ocean could not have been more impressive than Lake Erie waters stretching to the horizon.

But between home and the lake lay the fearsome steep Vienna hill to be scaled.

I have no idea of the car make but with the gas tank in the rear and a gravity feed to the motor at the front, we navigated downhill fine but a prolonged or very steep uphill climb was another matter. You guessed it, we backed up that hill!

Which is about how I've approached my message - A Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year to all.



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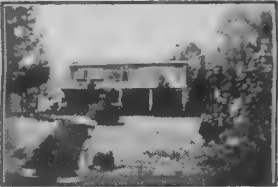
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All then enjoyed the food from the buffet table. The roll call was verses, good wishes and a man's impression of the W.I. read by Jean. Several members presented a

comic skit with farmer's wives on a talk show. There were 12 members there and five guests were made welcome.

Irene Moore's report had 12 cards sent since last meeting. Pennies for Friendship and Card Fund were taken.

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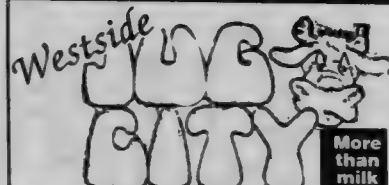
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quired Brain Injury Support
Meetings** are held the third
Wednesday of each month, 7
- 9 p.m. at the Haliburton Health
Unit. For info call Nancy at 457-
1600.

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**HALIBURTON
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COUNTRY SKI CLUB**
REMINDER
Meet at the
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information or trail
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January 8th & 9th
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January 15th
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Claire McLeod, 286-1696
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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Dec. 31 - 9:00 p.m.
Hot & Cold Buffet
Music by "Kidd Kountry"
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December 31, 1996
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line for applications is January
10, 1997. For more information,
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NOTICE
THE OFFICES of Dr. Stephen
Ferracuti, Dr. Kristy Gammon,
Dr. Tina Stephenson and Dr.
Brian Holowachuk have
moved to the upper floor of
the Rexall Pharmacy building,
effective Monday, December
16, 1996. To make an appoint-
ment please call 457-1212.
(There is now elevator service
in this building).

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D. Walker, Haliburton
V. Sawyer, Haliburton
\$500
John Codlin, Minden
\$200
Leanna Bathe, Minden
\$100
Raylene Clarke, Minden

310 NOTICES

THE WINNERS of the Wom-
en's Emergency House raffle,
"Baking your life easier" were:
1st prize - Marilou Mizzan, 2nd
prize - Nancy Ballantyne.
Thanks to all who supported us
and best wishes for the holidays!

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HEARTFELT THANKS for the
overwhelming gestures of care,
concern and support expressed
both to me personally and to my
family since my accident. I am
convinced that your many
prayers for my recovery car-
ried me through the critical times
and facilitated rapid healing with-
out complications. Our news-
papers, especially at this time
of year are filled with touching
stories about the many gener-
ous and caring people who
make up this very special com-
munity. We feel especially
blessed to have experienced
first hand the gift and treasure
of this loving and joy-filled com-
munity. Special thanks to Lloyd
Bull, Pat Kennedy, Stephanie
Kuno, Mary Hamilton, and
Drs. Keragusan and Heyes for
their compassionate and expert
personal and professional care -
Julie Gray.

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330 THANK YOU

THANK YOU for the kindness
shown to myself and to Joan
over the past year. To everyone
- for the cards, flowers, fruit bas-
kets, books and visits during my
stays in Haliburton Hospital,
Peterborough Civic and Toron-
to General. Though all were
special to us, the nurses and
staff at Haliburton Hospital were
exceptional. Special thanks for
prayers from the clergy and from
the people of the community; al-
so to the wonderful nurses of
the V.O.N. for their daily care.
Doctor Conway, thanks for all
your visits, your medical skills
and your continued care. (Not
to mention your "tonorial knowl-
edge"), **Gord Clark.**

THE VICTORIA STREET
School Council wish to thank the
following businesses for their
donations to the fundraising hot
dog sale on Saturday, De-
cember 7: IGA, valu-mart, V
& S Stedmans, Village Court
Pharmacy, Jug City and
Dawson Insurance.

THE FAMILY of the late
Blanche Barry would like to
thank everyone for their sup-
port at the time of our loss. Spe-
cial thanks to Extendicare and
staff for all their thoughtfulness,
kindness and care. Also, spe-
cial thank you to the Gordon
Monk Funeral Home, for their
help and kind words. They were
very much appreciated. **The**
Barjarow Family

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the following for supporting our
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SALLY BONNER
At the age of 56.

Beloved wife of Bill Bonner of
Minden. Loving daughter of
Katie Hawkes of Kingston,
dear sister of Joan Roantree,
Brenda Smalville, Brian
Hawkes, Fred Hawkes and
Paul Hawkes. Fondly remem-
bered by her nieces, nephews
and in-laws. A Legion Service
and a Memorial Service were
held at the Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home, 127 Main St.,
Minden, on Saturday, De-
cember 21st, 1996 at 1:00 p.m.
Cremation has taken place.
Memorial donations to the
Royal Canadian Legion Branch
#636 Building Fund or the
Canadian Cancer Society would
be appreciated.

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AT REST
SHEILA DARLENE BENNETT
(Scott) in her 37th year. Passed
away after a lengthy illness, on
Sunday, December 15th, 1996
at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toron-
to. Beloved wife of Michael
Bennett, Toronto. Dear sister of
Wayne Thompson of Canning-
ton, Sandi Martyn of Toronto
and Debbi Scott of Gooderham,
six nieces and one nephew.
Sadly missed by many aunts,
uncles, cousins and friends. Fu-
neral Service took place on
Tuesday, December 17, 1996
at the R.S. Kane Funeral Home,
Toronto. Interment in York
Cemetery.
God saw you getting tired
When a cure was not to be
So He closed His arms around
you
And whispered "Come to me".
You didn't deserve what you
went through
And so He gave you rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best.
And when I saw you sleeping
So peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back
To suffer that again.

400 IN MEMORIAM

DAVIDSON, ARCHIE - In lov-
ing memory of a dear husband,
dad, and grandpa who passed
away December 30, 1991.
Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.
Lovingly remembered by
Mildred, Roger, Jim and
Dawn.

DELL - In loving memory of a
dear son-in-law, Scott, who
passed away December 29,
1995.
The memory of Scott lives on in
his son Gabriel, daughters Nao-
mi and Amber, wife Cherryllie,
and his remaining family.
Always missed and never for-
gotten, **Jacque and Allan**
Scott.

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving
memory of our very dear Moth-
er, Grama and great Grama
who left us on December 25,
1994.
Though tears in my eyes do not
glisten,
And my face is not always sad,
There is never a night or a
morning
But I think of the friend I had.
Not a day do I forget you
In my heart you are always
here,

400 IN MEMORIAM

CONTINUED...
For I loved you and miss you
As it ends the second year.
Always loved and always cher-
ished: **Darlene, Patti, Peter,**
Ryan and Cole, Kim and Rick,
Angela and Tony.

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving
memory of a very dear mother
and grandmother who passed
away December 25, 1994.
Though her smile is gone for-
ever
And her hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memo-
ries
Of the one we love so much.
Her memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has her in His keeping
We have her in our hearts.
Forever loved and missed by
Vicky, Rob, Justin and
Alyssa.

JOHNSON, EDITH - Left to be
with the Lord on December 25,
1994.
I miss you in so many ways
I miss the things you used to say
And when old times I do recall
It's then I miss you most of all.
Always lovingly remembered,
John.

JOHNSON, EDITH - Left to be
with the Lord on December 25,
1994.
The special years will not return
When we were all together,
But with the love in our hearts
You will walk with us forever.
Lovingly remembered by **John**
and family.

MacDUFF - In loving memory
of a dear mother and grand-
mother, Mirl MacDuff, who
passed away December 24,
1993.
What we would give if we could
say
"Hello Mom" in the same old
way,
To hear your voice, to see your
smile,
To sit with you and chat a while.
So you who have a mother,
Cherish her with care
For she is your Mother, God
love her
She is true as a prayer.
Sadly missed by **Clarabell, Fran-**
cis and Dave.

SAWYER, RON - In loving
memory of our dear son who left
us December 26, 1981.
To raise a son and lose him,
Is a heartache no one knows,
Except all other parents
Who have travelled down this
road.
You were a special gift God
gave us,
And filled our home with cheer,
With your love and laughter
For twenty-nine years.
For a son we loved so dearly,
From a family left behind.
Sadly missed and always loved,
Mom and Dad.

WOOD, NORMA L. - In loving
memory of a dear wife, mother
and grandmother who passed
away December 28, 1995.
We mention your name
And speak of you often,
God bless you dear Mother
You will never be forgotten.
Sadly missed by **Wendell and**
family.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of Mildred Isobel Archer deceased

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Dated at Minden, Ontario this 13th day of December, 1996 by DONALD J. FINN, Barrister and Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Mildred Isobel Archer.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of Phillip James Corby deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Phillip James Corby, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 3rd day of October, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of Leslie Russell Johnson deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Leslie Russell Johnson, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about

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the 16th day of November, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS In the matter of the estate of Helen Kirkland deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of Helen Kirkland, late of the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 27th day of September, 1996, are hereby notified to send particulars of the same to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of January, 1997 after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

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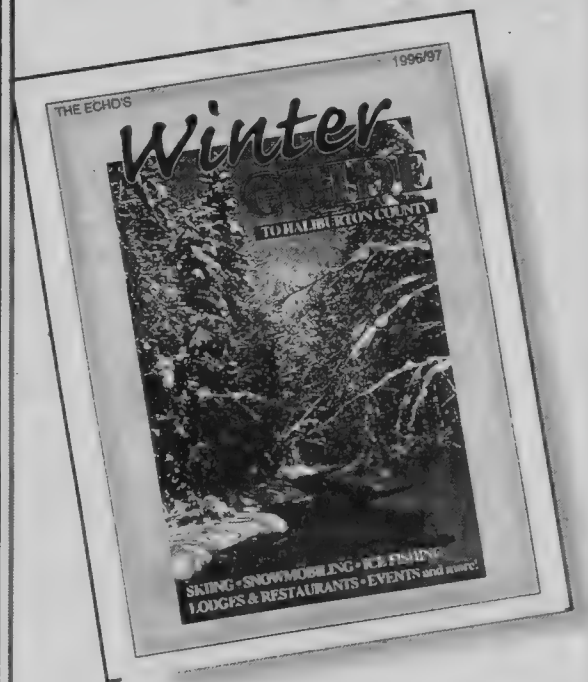
AT REST

At his home in Minden after an illness on Sunday, December 22, 1996
GOLDSBY A. "GOLDIE" WALKER
In his 68th year.

Beloved husband of Irma (nee Snell) of Minden. Dear father of Mark and his wife Anne of Minden, Phyllis and her husband Doug Kernohan of Minden, Neil of Toronto, Sara and her husband Larry Anderson of Minden and James of Minden. Loving grandfather of Ashley, Justin and Travis Walker, Wayne, Gary and Evan Kernohan, Leah, Krysta and Melanie Anderson. Dear brother of Elwood of Pickering, Arnold of Minden, Wayne of Fenelon Falls, Wesley Jr. of Dunsford, and predeceased by Gerald. Family and friends may visit at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Tuesday, December 24, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. Interment Minden Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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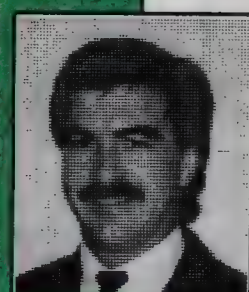
With A Song In Our Hearts...

We wish you a harmonious and very Merry Christmas!
May this season's medley of pleasures echo beautifully for you
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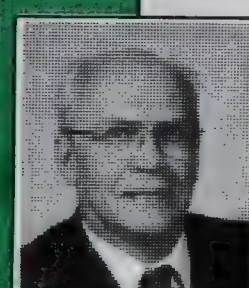
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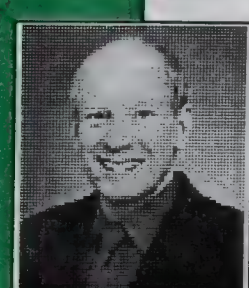
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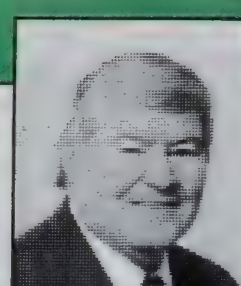
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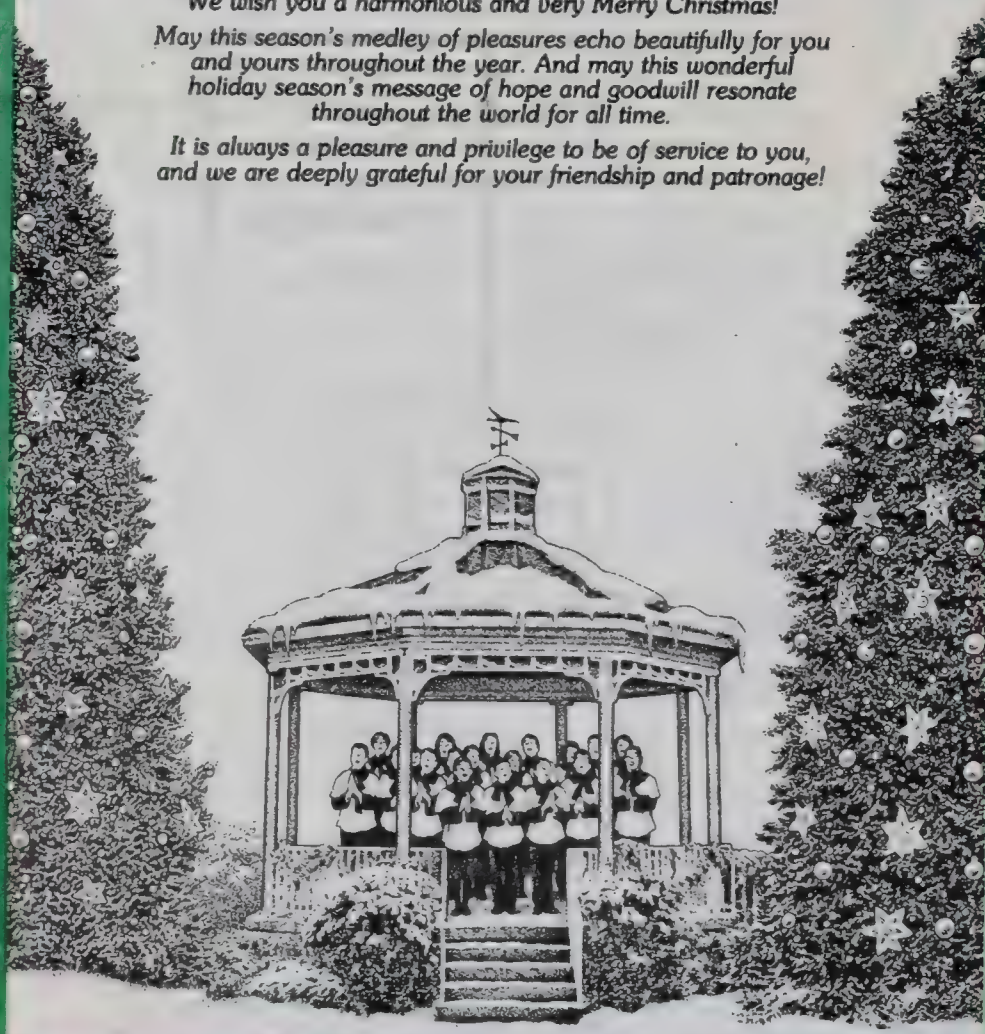
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The Magic of Christmas is everywhere in the Highlands

No matter how busy and stress-filled our lives have become, and no matter what burdens we must bear, Christmas is a season that challenges us to seek peace in ourselves and find joy in the love of others. Christmas is a time to reflect on what is good and generous and just. It is a time to appreciate family, friends and fellow workers, to share happy memories and the pleasure of good food and warm laughter. It is a time, too, when the bright smiles and infectious excitement of children reminds us that our capacity for wonder and optimism and love are the essence of our humanity.

In this special section you'll find stories about many aspects of Christmas, photos of children performing in school Christmas concerts, and messages of goodwill from local businesses. We hope this special section adds to your enjoyment of the season.

Holiday Spirits



Good cheer
to all
at this time
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

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Is thank each and every one of you!*

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PEOPLE

'An awful lot of LOVE and CARING and PATIENCE'

At Christmas, one of Gay Gervais' tourtières says it all

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

GAY GERVAIS has discovered the meaning of life, and she's found it in her kitchen. It's a traditional French tourtière.

To bake one, "you need an awful lot of love and caring and patience because it's a lot easier to go to the store and buy it," she says one sunny morning a few weeks before Christmas.

On Christmas Eve when her family gathers, the feast will of course include one of her homemade tourtières, a savoury pie made with ground pork, potatoes, a light-as-a-cloud crust, and of course, a lot of love and caring and patience.

The tourtière is perfect for a special family meal, because after all, doesn't making a tourtière take the same skill as raising a child and being a spouse's partner through life? Do you expect children to be born whole? Do you think you can raise them without investing a lot of love and caring and patience? Do the good things in life not take time to flavour fully?

Life was never easy for young Gabrielle, so perhaps she grew to expect a lot of work whether she was scrubbing someone's floors by hand for 50¢ or raising her three children. To her, nothing spoke more of her love for her children than the row of snowy white diapers hanging on the clothesline. Love means taking the time to do things right.

Born to a French Canadian family in Sudbury in 1938, she

was immediately taken into the care of the Children's Aid Society. Of her 12 older siblings, only five others had survived infancy, the others

dying from such things as malnutrition. Her mother simply did not have the money to care for herself or

her newest baby; her father simply did not have the inclination. "My father was a survivor, an adventurer. He was not a family man."

For the first eight years, she and her older sister Jill were shunted from foster home to foster home. Often they had to leave because of abuse, and Mrs. Gervais is very grateful there are more checks placed on foster homes today.

But at age eight, she and Jill arrived at the place which was to be Gay's home until she left for convent school at 13, returning only for school holidays.

The matriarch was Elizabeth Frappier, who had raised her own children with a mix of faith, love, discipline and lots of good, fresh food. When the two young sisters arrived, most of Mme Frappier's children had left the farm at Val Caron, leaving her, her husband, a son and daughter-in-law, three grandchildren and a steady stream of labourers.

"My last foster home was very family oriented and loving," she says, before her husband Ray adds, "and very disciplined."

"Yes, but I needed that," says Mrs. Gervais, whose personality as a young girl reflected her disruptive lifestyle. "I got some really good wallops and I had it coming. By eight I had gone to 15 foster homes. I had been manhandled and panhandled. I had a temper. I was an upset little girl. She took care of me..."



"After midnight mass you'd go back to your home for réveillon (midnight party). You'd have tourtière, a few salads and a big crock of beans, recalls Gay Gervais of her childhood.

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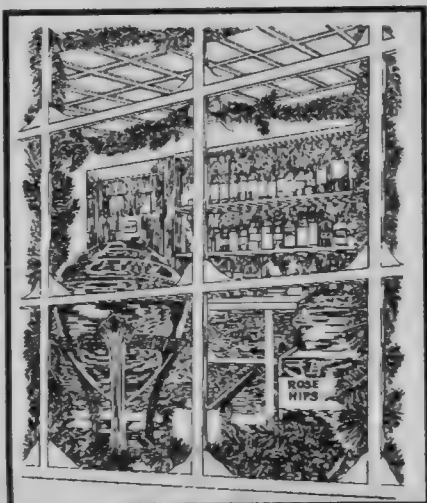
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John 1:29

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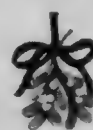
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PEOPLE

'She always had something on the stove and never bought a loaf of bread,' Gay Gervais says of her foster mother

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"The Frappiers were good Catholics. They believed in what they did and they did what they believed. All my French traditions and faith come from that lady. She was a marvellous cook. She always had something on the stove and never bought a loaf of bread."

That cooking took on a life of its own at Christmas, a very special time of year.

"After midnight mass you'd go back to your home for réveillon (midnight party). You'd have tourtiere, a few salads and a big crock of beans. She'd put the tourtières in the oven at 250° before we left for church. We'd sing and then the children would go to bed but the grownups would go from door to door wishing everyone a Merry Christmas. They'd sing a song and take a shot of rye..."

"Christmas to us was all around the church. At breakfast, we'd take bread and do the sign of the cross under it. But breakfast was after milking two or three cows. I remember telling the cows off - 'don't you know it's Christmas?' We had 22 cows to milk."

"After the chores and breakfast, it was time for gifts. Gifts were things that you needed and there'd always be something special. Perhaps she'd stuff my slippers with homemade fudge. She always took time to know what we'd like. Then you had all the family, the aunts, the uncles and all the children."

New Year's was also an important celebration, although this was time for friends and neighbours as well as family. "On New Year's Day my foster dad would open the inside door of the porch and leave it open all day as a

sign of welcome. We started the day by getting down on our knees and asking him for the blessing of the year."

A few miles away, in Sudbury proper, her future husband, Ray, was having a different sort of Christmas. It was just as special, but different.

The oldest of 10 children, Ray didn't have to worry so much about where his home would be. His father worked at the mines, which always gave the men a turkey as a Christmas bonus. Because they were a big family, the Gervaises always got a big turkey. "They brought it in a wheelbarrow," Ray laughs. His mother, also French Canadian, was a teacher, so money was not as much of an issue as it was for Gay.

The Gervais home was big, on the hill above the Log Cabin Snack Bar where Alex Trebeck

and his family lived. All the kids in the neighbourhood bought hot dogs and fries there, not knowing they would later be able to boast they grew up with the famous host of Jeopardy. (Gay went to school with his sister Barbara.)

The neighbourhood was not French, but rather a mosaic of immigrant families. They might not have shared the same past, but they made every effort to enjoy the same present.

"On Christmas Eve, everyone went to midnight mass," he says. "Everyone - the sinners, the good people, everyone. On Christmas morning, the first one downstairs got the biggest piece of cake. There was a gift, but nothing to get excited about. There was no Santa Claus. Our Christmas stockings were always full though - apples,

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A Sign Of The SEASON!

The snow gently blankets the ground. The world becomes a softer place. And the time arrives to look around us, and count our many blessings. We count your friendship as one of the blessings we treasure most. Merry Christmas!

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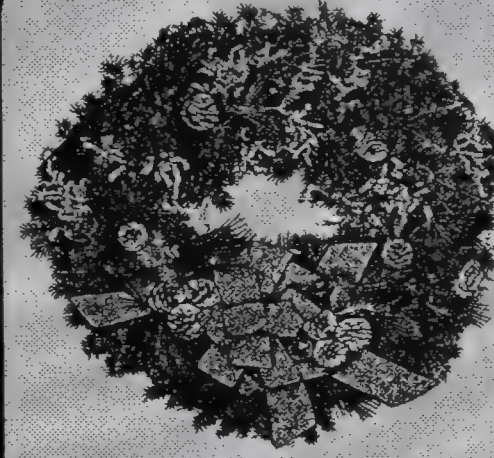
AWAY IN A MANGER



At the holiest of seasons, we pray that you will be blessed.
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SEASON'S GREETINGS & many thanks for all the recommendations during the year -



Ennis & John
at the
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'If I leave anything to my children, it will be a past'

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oranges, nuts."

When it came time for Gay and Ray to have their own children — Dianne (Collins of Haliburton), Hélène and Raymond — it was very important for them to keep those traditions alive. Today it would be sacrilege to have a Christmas Eve with tourtiere.

"My kids are very precious to me. I'd compete very nicely with a mother lion," says Mrs. Gervais, who also worked with the CAS's foster home program. "We raised our kids with a lot of love, a lot of care and a lot of help from God."

Over the past few years, Mrs. Gervais has been gathering information about her birth family. All of her forbears were in Québec by the 1630s and there is much to be proud of in their lives. She may not have known them, she may not have grown up in the same house as her parents and siblings, but "if I leave anything to my children, it will be a past."

Her past may have included a few very rough years, but she doesn't regret them. "Isn't that

what makes us grow," she smiles. Those tough times — "people today have no idea of what tough times are like" — were part of the mold which shaped her life, and why would she want to break the mold?

"Life is really beautiful," she says, and Christmas is one of the most beautiful times of the year. Here she shares some of her favourite traditional recipes with one reminder — don't forget to add the love and the care and the patience.

RECIPES

GABRIELLE GERVAIS' TOURTIERES

You simply cannot make only one at a time... anyway, you would always want a few on hand in case of...unexpected...but very welcome visitors.

Traditionally, Tourtieres were served after Midnight Mass and definitely at Christmas Supper and New Year's Day Supper.

I serve Tourtieres, of course, as my Mom did, but also at any

other special occasion... Easter, birthdays, or even for breakfast sometime!

3 lbs. of ground pork
3 lbs. of ground veal
1 cup of minced onions
6 cups of cold water...come to a boil...simmer for 4 hours.

Add salt, pepper, all spice, garlic and a wee bit of cloves..to your own individual taste! Thicken with mashed potatoes or instant mashed potatoes.

Fill empty pastry shells; cover with top shell...bake in oven at 350°F for 45 minutes...or a bit more (if you like pastry more golden).

When cool...put in plastic bags...freeze.

I serve Tourtieres with mashed potatoes and a salad.

My husband enjoys it on Sunday morning with home-fried potatoes and green wax beans.

Enjoy!

RAGOUT DE PATTES (meatballs and pork hocks)

2 lbs. ground pork
1/2 c. oatmeal, 1/4 tsp. allspice, garlic, salt, pepper to taste.

Make into balls...bake in 350°F oven for 30 minutes...set aside.

In frying pan...put 1/4 c. of flour..1 tbsp. oil...stir and brown until golden...mix COLD water

to form thick paste...set aside.

2 pks. of two each pork hocks
2 litres of water
1 c. minced onions
dash ground cloves
salt, pepper to taste...cook for two hours or until liquid is half gone...remove bones and rind from stew pot...(maybe a large dog could enjoy these)...add cooked meatballs to pot with meat off pork hocks and thicken with browned flour-mix...simmer 10 minutes and serve with potatoes (mashed or boiled) and a vegetable (carrots or turnips or?)

CRETONS

This is a very delicious filling for sandwiches

3 lbs. ground pork
1 large onion, minced
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tbsp. savory
1 crushed garlic clove
1 litre water

Cook slowly, uncovered, for two hours or until the liquid reduces the level of the meat. Pour in pyrex loaf pan. Cover with saran. Cool in refrigerator...Next day...take fat off top...ready to serve in sandwiches.

We enjoy it, open face, on toast...with mustard.

Gabrielle Gervais

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Carollers sing. Sleigh bells ring.
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PEOPLE

Even in the face of hardship...

There is always a reason for joy

WITH THE Christmas season fast approaching, many residents of Haliburton County are feeling mixed emotions. Some are joyous, but many are frustrated due to financial demands the season brings when children are involved. Families must make a choice between gifts for their children or groceries, hydro, etc. Some are tearful and some accept this with grace.

These words will, I hope, offer

a positive thought or blessing to those who should feel this way, and show you that no matter "who" you are you have "something" to be joyous about.

We must remember (for the fear of sounding repetitive) that there are many who would gladly accept what you have or have not.

My friend, also named Sheri, comes to mind.

She is known to many through a local business which her brother

by Sheri Hawkins

operates.

Once slender with ash blonde hair, her three-year battle with cancer had caused her to undergo some difficult and sometimes painful treatments.

Sheri still makes the effort to assist her brother two to three days weekly at his store, modeling various wigs and scarves, for her customers.

Never complaining, never feeling sorry for herself or appearing unsociable, one can't help but

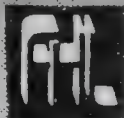
admire her spirit and strength.

Most of all, however, she has, perhaps without her knowledge, offered others a most wonderful gift.

A grateful feeling - to accept what one has and has not. When life's problems sometimes seem unbearable we must keep this in mind. After all is said and done, a woman whose courage and strength I admire most would more than gladly accept my life's problems especially during these times.



We join our clients and friends in imagining a kinder world, and trying to make it a little more real, each & every day.



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Greetings of the Season

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May this be a year of
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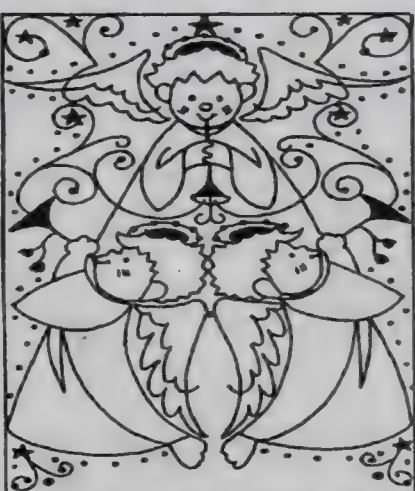


Rejoice!

*Wishing you a wondrous
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*Love and peace shall
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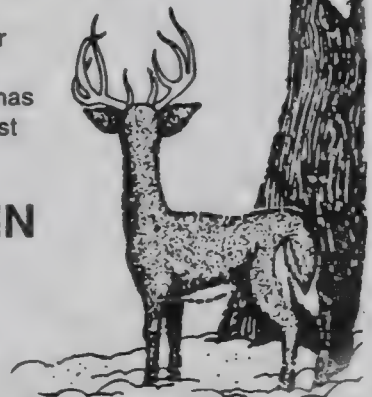


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A Christmas Concert to remember

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A BLUE SANTA? Above, Grade 4, 5 and 6 students perform a song they created specially for the concert: 'Santa's Got the Blues'. From left: Josh Schultz, Mandy Dennie, Chris Sayers, David Brindle, Simon Laws, Pam Dobson, Cheryl Steel, Carla Noseworthy, Andy Sayers.



A REINDEER RIDE: Candice Grimes, left, gets up on her reindeer for a better view of the Kindergarten Grade 1 presentation. With her are Jessica Manley and Dana Reil



CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS : The Kindergarten and Grade 1 class recited a poem about the many words association with Christmas. From left are: Sarah Laws, Dylan Friend, Cheyenne Graham, Ronnie Jones, Khristen Schutlz



LINE DANCE: Grade 2 and 3 show their line dancing ability. From left: Kayla Manley, Melissa Brindle-Smith, Jamie Steel, Ashley Sharp, Jordan Askev



THIS IS FUN! Khristen Schutlz, Candice Grimes and Jessica Manley enjoyed the audience's reaction to the Kindergarten and Grade 1 presentation.

Gooderham concert an evening of love and delight...



SANTA GETS A WARM WELCOME:

Above, Sherry-Lynn Turner and Linsey Trotter play Silent Night with other members of the Grade 4, 5 and 6 recorder group. At left, teacher Kelly Ann Frook greets Santa, along with students Jordan Askew, Carla Noseworthy and Justin Stoughton.

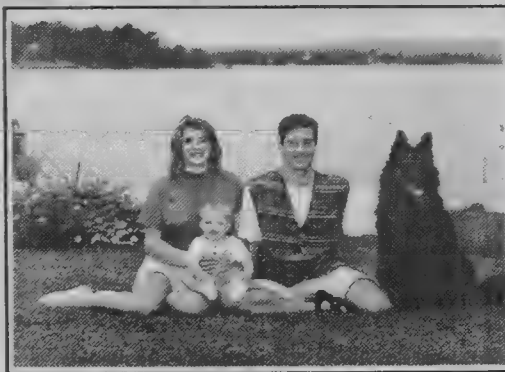
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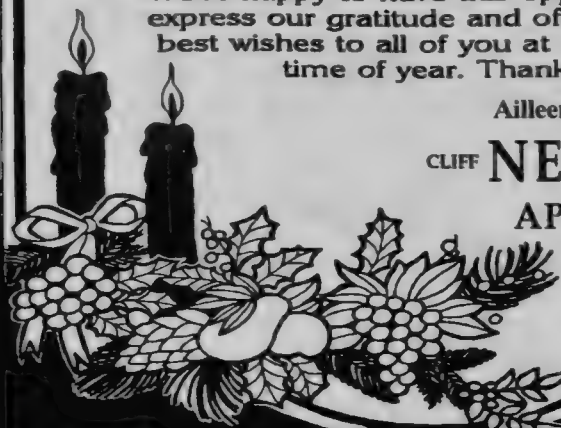
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PEOPLE

An Aussie's Christmas is full of fun... and sun!

by TASHA MOORE
HHSS Co-op Student

If you're dreaming of a white Christmas, then Australia is not where you want to be. For Australians, Christmas is a time to spend at the beach swimming, surfing or soaking up rays.

Teresa Jago, an HHSS exchange student, has never had a Christmas in Canada, and since she left on December 14, she never will.

Back home in Queensland, Teresa will notice many changes. Houses will not be decorated with brilliant lights and bows. Even in November there were more lights up in Haliburton County than there will be on Christmas day in Teresa's home town.

"There is only one Christmas. Christmas day and that's all," said Teresa. There isn't as much travelling to relatives' homes for another dinner.

A normal Christmas day for Teresa would be getting up at 6:30 in the morning, eating a strawberry breakfast and then opening her presents. After her relatives arrive the family opens more presents. Lunch follows after that. This is the big dinner



Teresa Jago

of the day, and consists of cold food. There is cold turkey, chicken and bread, potato salad, and to top it off, a little Champagne. Australians do not have egg nog. Last year Teresa and her family had a sea food meal.

Then the family visits and goes swimming. Everyone sleeps in the afternoon. At dinner the family eats leftovers from lunch. After, they watch movies and try out their new things.

The night before, children put pillow cases at the end of their beds instead of stockings. "It's bigger. You can fit more in it," Teresa explained.

Christmas trees in Australia are artificial and small. Many of them are no higher than your waist. Jess Wallace, who spent a year in Australia on exchange, commented about the trees. "They don't waste wood."

Australians don't put mistletoe in their house, and all those favorite Christmas tunes you hear every year are not played down main streets. Although they don't listen to Christmas music as regularly as some Canadians do, they still have Christmas songs that they like to play, and have their own version of "The 12 Days of

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Good cheer to each and everyone at this Yuletide Season!

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"I never realized that Santa's clothes were made for winter before I came here," says Australian Teresa Jago

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Christmas." Instead of having "a partridge in a pear tree", they have "an emu up a gum tree". But don't expect to hear carolers singing any tunes.

Of course they still have jolly-old St. Nicholas. Santa can be seen in stores wearing his traditional outfit of long red pants, shiny black boots, and a warm red coat, even in the hottest of summer days. "I never realized that Santa's clothes were made

for winter before I came here," said Teresa.

A few great things about having Christmas in Australia is

nana's house and got cool presents there."

New Year's is celebrated with more enthusiasm. On New

A white Christmas would be awesome!"

that you get six weeks off, because this is also their summer vacation. Their school year starts afterwards.

Teresa says her favorite part of Christmas is the presents.

"When I was a kid, I went to my

Year's Eve, everyone goes out to celebrate. There are fire works, and people go to bars, and clubs, or to parties.

On the beach there's a bachelors and spinsters ball where guys dress up as girls and vice

versa. In the cities people have a big count down to 12 o'clock.

"There's heaps more cops in Australia than there are here," said Teresa about people getting drunk at these parties.

Teresa is disappointed that she will not be able to spend this time with us, but she's excited that she will see her family and friends. "I'd love to have Christmas here," she says. "A white Christmas would be awesome!"



HAVE FAITH AT CHRISTMAS TIME

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." --Isaiah 7:14

May you and yours celebrate a season filled with love and miracles.

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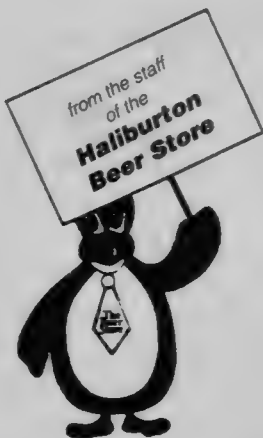
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PEOPLE

Belgium's Santa rides a donkey

Belgian children put their shoes outside at night and in the morning St. Nicholas will have placed candy in them. This event happens until the sixth of December.

by TASHA MOORE
HHSS Co-op Student

IN Belgium, St. Nicholas has a donkey instead of reindeer. He starts bringing little presents such as candy as early as the last day in November. Belgian children put their shoes outside at night and in the morning St. Nicholas will have placed candy in them. This event happens until the sixth of December.

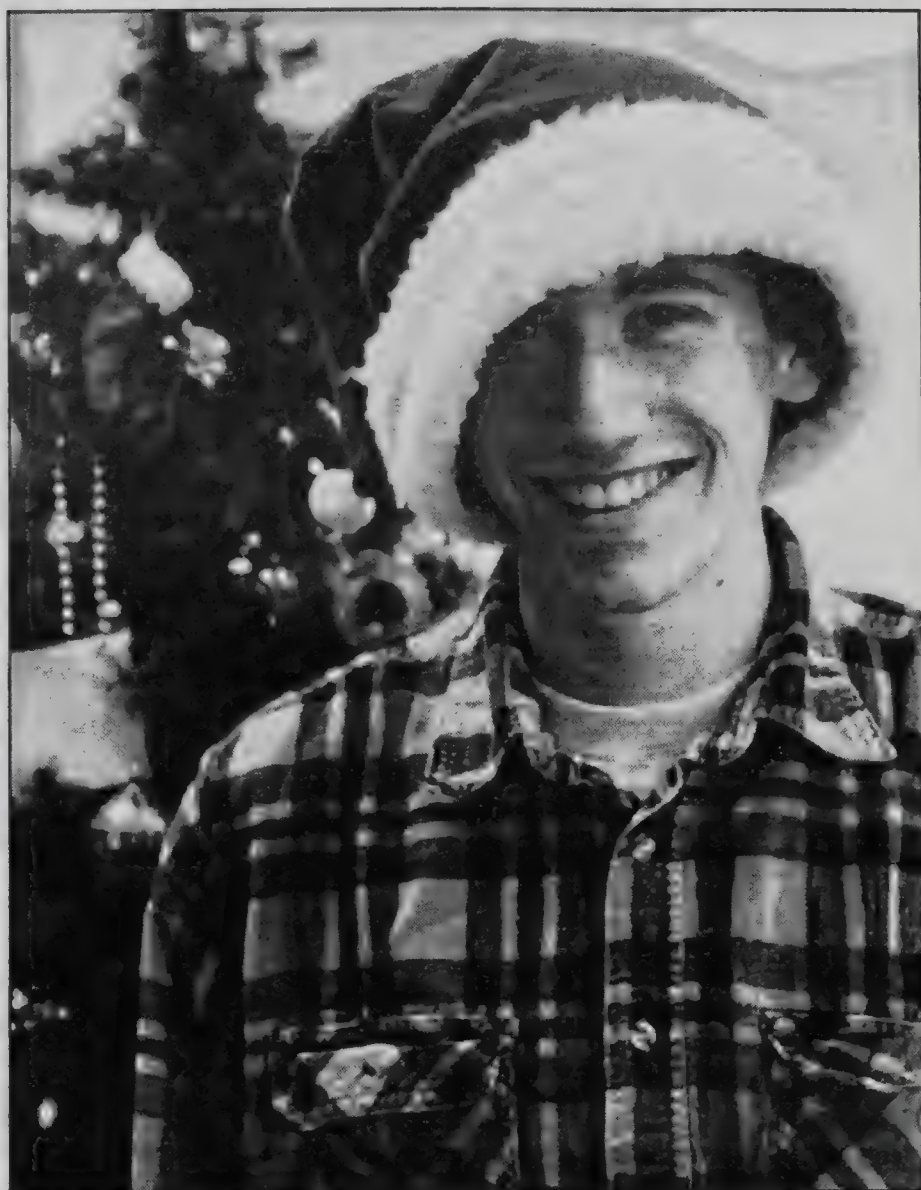
Frederic Simonis, an HHSS exchange student from Belgium, says there is both a St. Nicholas and a Père Noël where he lives. Père Noël is just like Santa Claus with his sleigh and toys,

down to his red suit, but Père Noël doesn't give out as many presents as St. Nick.

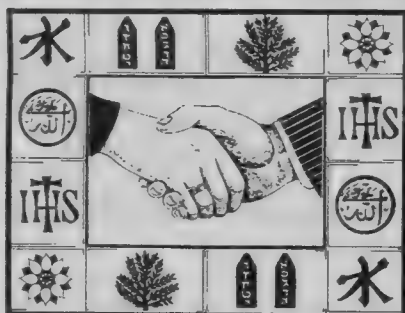
St. Nicholas is taller, and has a big hat. It is his role to bring most of the presents to all children, and he is the one who walks around from door to door with his donkey and fills shoes with candy.

Frederic has found that Christmas in Canada is bigger. There is more Christmas spirit: Christmas carols played in the halls of the high school at lunch hours, people having Christmas fun, and lots of gift-giving between friends. A white Christmas is rare in Belgium. "I like the snow."

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Frederic Simonis, Belgian exchange student at HHSS



Peace, Joy, & Understanding

May enemies find themselves together as friends. May we all learn to accept differences in each other. May this blessed season bring understanding between both like and unlike each other. May you all embrace the true spirit of the season.

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of the Christmas season be yours
throughout 1997.

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May Peace be with you this Holiday Season
and throughout the Coming Year



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Merry Christmas!

Jim & Jacquie Richards, Dave Cober, Debbie Sawyer

On Christmas Eve, Belgians count down until they can say, "Merry Christmas"!

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Christmas is spent with family. On Christmas Eve there is a dinner with lots of food. The type of food depends on the family. The meal can have turkey or venison, an entree called huitres is sometimes served, and of course, champagne.

If you are Christian, there is mass at churches. One is at 8:00pm, the other at midnight.

Belgians wait up until midnight on Christmas Eve, and count down until they can say, "Merry Christmas"! Frederic's family then phones grandparents and other relatives.

Presents are opened around

midnight and then people rush off to watch fire works. Frederic and his family stay up until two or three in the morning eating desserts and having fun.

Christmas Day is spent catching up on sleep, visiting, or going to the morning church service. There is time to visit family and friends.

Breakfast can be big or small. Lunch is usually spent at grandparents with other relatives where everyone can wish each other Merry Christmas. December 25 and 26 are spent visiting with family, which is one of Frederic's favourite part of the season. (The other is getting pre-

sents.)

New Year's is spent with friends. There are parties with four or five hundred people or you could go to a dress up dinner. People drink champagne, and count down to the new year, fireworks, and new years resolutions such as "I will walk to school", but after 10 days...

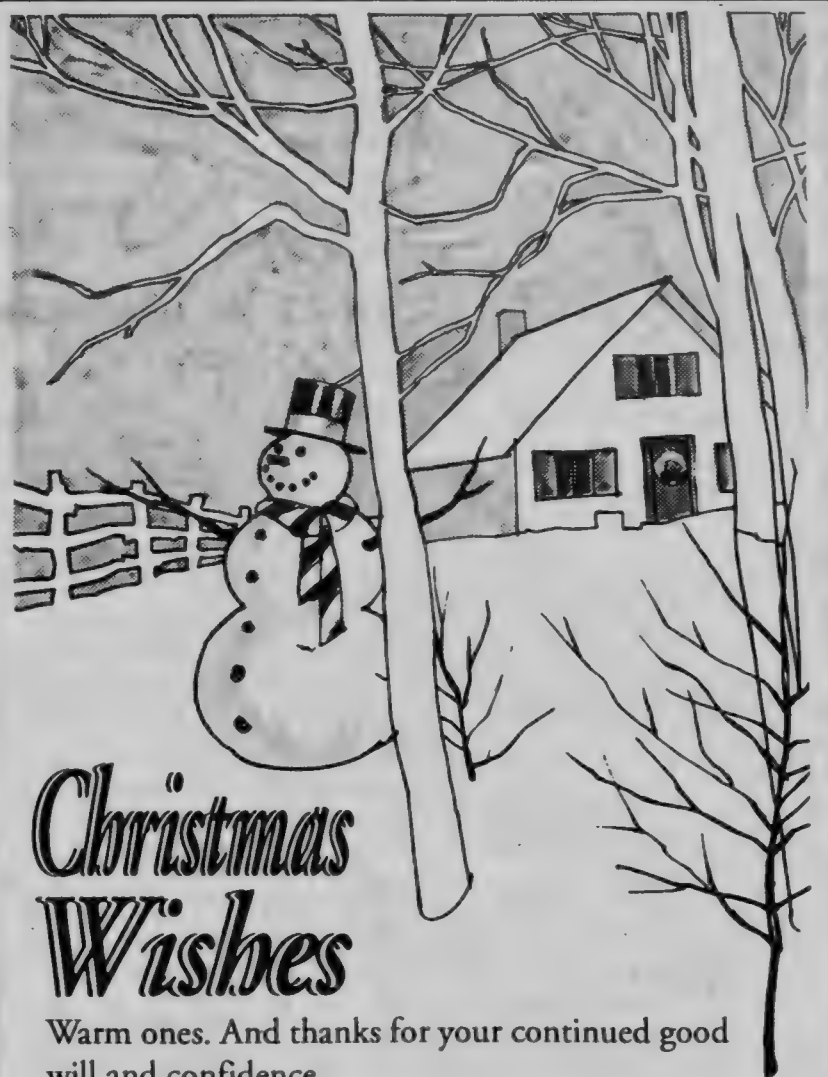
Frederic is not homesick for his parents yet, and is excited about having Christmas in Canada. He will be missing out on some things though, like the Belgian chocolate. When asked if Belgian chocolate is as good as people say it is Frederic grinned and said, "Yeah!"

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PEOPLE A French Christmas dinner includes 13 desserts!

by TASHA MOORE
HHSS Co-op Student

IN France, Christmas is celebrated with the entire family.

Marine Jeannin, who is on exchange from France, usually stays in her grandmother's house with at least 20 other relatives. Sometimes there are four in a bedroom, and sometimes 10. The family stays together for the Christmas holiday.

Students get two weeks off of school to enjoy Christmas and New Year's as in Canada. Unlike Canada, decorations such as trees and lights, are not put up until two weeks before Christmas day.

The gifts under the tree are not bought by most until the day before Christmas. Stores are crowded with last minute shoppers.

Marine's grandmother is Roman Catholic. Every year she displays a manger scene made from straw, and figurines that come from Vietnam where her grandmother was born.

On Christmas Eve the French eat a large, luxurious dinner, with a log cake for dessert. After they are finished dessert, a big bowl is brought to the table that contains little desserts such as hazel nuts, mandarins, chestnuts, and so on.

The goal is to eat 13 of these small desserts without eating the same thing twice. If you complete this then you make a wish. This wish will come true in the future.

Marine isn't sure, but for either New Year's Eve or Christmas Eve everyone stays up until midnight. When the clock starts chiming 12, people frantically try to eat a single grape for every chime without missing a beat. If you succeed, then you are granted another wish.

"It's not easy," says Marine cringing at the thought of eating the grape, seeds and all. Seedless grapes are not sold in France.

Marine has found that these wishes don't seem to come true for her, so she makes sure her wishes aren't very important.

Almost everyone goes to Midnight Mass on Christmas



Amanda Jo Thomas and Marine Jeannin

Eve, even those who are not Roman Catholic.

Before everyone goes to sleep, they place their shoes under the tree beside their presents because labels are not always put on them.

Early the next morning everyone wakes up and gathers around the tree. In France they don't have stockings.

After taking a picture of the tree to show how beautiful it is, they tear open the presents. Some presents are from Père Noël, the French Santa Claus.

People are thanked for the presents, and then everyone sits

down to enjoy a long breakfast. There is coffee, milk, baguettes, croissants, and the log cake and little desserts from the night before. One thing that is not on the menu is ginger bread. Belgium chocolate is enjoyed instead.

In Marine's family, breakfast lasts until noon. Since they haven't seen their relatives for so long this is a great time to catch up. "We talk, and talk, and talk," she says.

After breakfast, Marine goes to her aunt's house for lunch. They have fun with their presents, or go for a walk and watch a movie until it's time for bed.

"I like the day after Christmas. The atmosphere in town is really quiet. It's innocent."

Snow does not come every Christmas in France.

"Fortunately I like snow for Christmas, because here, we will definitely have snow," says Marine, who is looking forward to spending Christmas in Canada.

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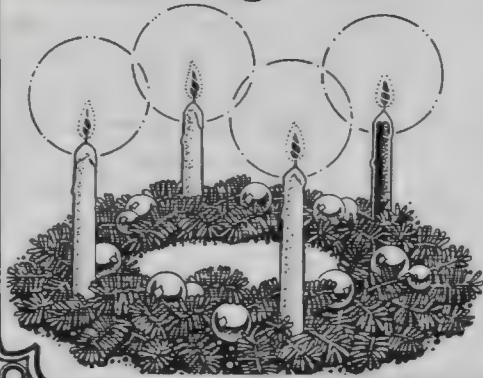
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PEOPLE Memories of Christmas magic make time stand still for the residents of Haliburton Extendicare

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

AT Christmas, it seems that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Here's the change: Credit cards get a good work-out as people go on a spending spree for family and friends, all the while complaining that Christmas is getting too commercialized. Yet on Christmas morning, there's often not enough room under the tree for all the presents.

Here's how things have stayed the same: When you talk to a group of residents at Extendicare and ask them what they liked best as a child at

Christmas, most of them quickly answer "the presents."

Then they talk about the delicious food and being surrounded by family and eating leftover turkey for the next week. Sound familiar?

No matter when you're born, Christmas is a magical time for children, and for all the same reasons. It's a special time for getting special things, whether it's a present or the cookies your mother doesn't bake any other time of year or the chance to stay up late and dream of what awaits you the next morning.

When it comes to Christmas, time has stood still. Whether you talk to a grandfather or a

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"It was happier days for us," says Grace Sipe, whose failing eyesight means she can no longer repeat a trick of childhood: looking down the hole of the stovepipe to watch her parents put the presents under the tree.



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"I liked the Christmas tree hung from the ceiling with presents underneath it," says Greta Curry, who grew up in Essonville 93 years ago.



"Christmas was a wonderful time. I always got a doll," says Eliza Beatty

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grandson, their favourite things are the same. About the only thing that has changed is the cost and the quantity, and as these residents say, the cost and quantity aren't what's really important.

"Christmas was a wonderful time. I always got a doll," says Eliza Beatty, who grew up near Kinmount. "It was a wonderful life, really, all the way through."

"It was happier days for us," says Grace Sipe, whose failing eyesight means she can no longer repeat a trick of childhood: looking down the hole of the stovepipe to watch her par-

ents put the presents under the tree. They thought she was in bed asleep but she couldn't resist a peek.

Neither could Alan Stewart, whose mother used to keep all the presents in a special trunk. Did his mother ever catch him trying to get a sneak preview? "I wouldn't be here if she did."

What he loved most was the food, masses of it, topped off with a decidedly rich plum pudding. "My brother and I used to spend half a day saying 'you got a bigger piece than I got.'"

There were only two things about Christmas he didn't like.

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With A Song In Our Hearts...

We wish you a harmonious and very Merry Christmas! May this season's medley of pleasures echo beautifully for you and yours throughout the year. And may this wonderful holiday season's message of hope and goodwill resonate throughout the world for all time.

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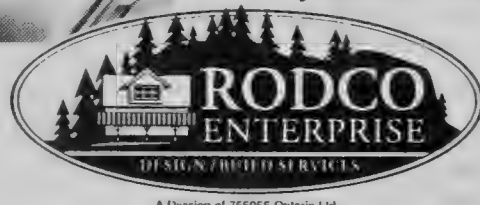
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Christmas memories often centre around the food

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One was having to get up and sing at the annual Christmas concert. "You'd come down and all your buddies would say 'you stank.'" The other thing was having "to get all dressed up and sit still for the rest of the day because your aunts and uncles are coming."

Rita McNeil remembers bundling into a horse-drawn, two-bunk sleigh to visit her grandmother's house. If it was really cold, they'd heat irons in the fire first and then carry them along for warmth. As usual, the kids always asked "are we there yet?" because they couldn't wait for all the food that awaited them.

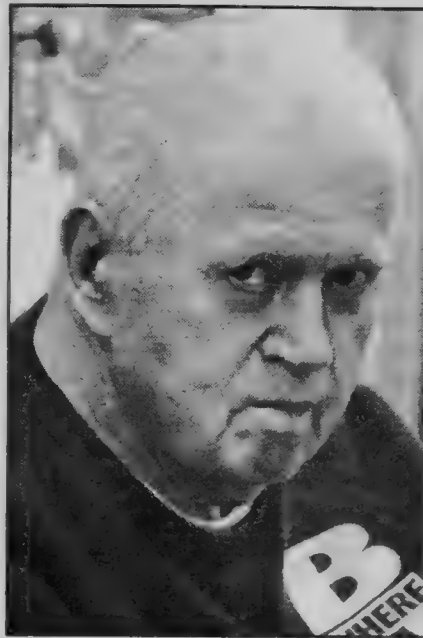
On Christmas Eve, those who lived close enough to the church would go for the special service. But everyone would not go to bed before hanging up their stocking (which really was a stocking for every-day use) either on the tree or by the

stove. In the morning, it would be filled with treats such as fruit and nuts.

"I liked the Christmas tree hung from the ceiling with presents underneath it," says Greta Curry, who grew up in Essonville 93 years ago. The presents were special, but simple, usually one toy and then practi-



Eliza Beatty



Alan Stewart

cal clothing. "You made everything on your own," she says. "I don't think my mom and dad ever bought anything. I had nine children, too. I made nearly everything and they hung up their socks on Christmas Eve. Some years it was hard going to get it."

Like the others she remembers the food being special. Her mother's cake was five layers but the consensus around the room is that most cakes were three. She'd help her mother slice apples and then hang the slices over the stove to dry out for a tasty treat later. "Stop, you're making me hungry," Mr. Stewart laughs.

Delila Fielder says they always had goose for Christmas dinner because they raised them at their farm near Four Mile Lake. Donna Ibbotson, who spends time with the residents every Wednesday afternoon playing trivia, asks what her mother did with the goose fat. Like the mothers of nearly everyone else in the room, Mrs. Fielder's mother saved the fat to rub on the children's chest when they got a cold.

She sums it up for everyone when she says simply, "we enjoyed the time."

The Reason for the Season

The following is a list of special Christmas Eve and Christmas Day church services

St. Andrew's Anglican Church,
West Guilford: December 24,
11 p.m., Carols and Holy Eucharist

St. George's Anglican Church,
Haliburton: Dec. 24,
3:30 p.m., family service and Holy Eucharist;
7 p.m., carols and Holy Eucharist

St. Margaret's Anglican Church,
Wilberforce: Dec. 25,
10 a.m., Holy Communion

St. Paul's Anglican Church,
Minden: Dec. 24,
7 p.m. children's service and
11 p.m., both Holy Eucharist

St. James Anglican Church,
Kinmount: Dec. 24,
9 p.m., Holy Eucharist

St. Peter's Anglican Church,
Maple Lake: Dec. 25,
10 a.m., Holy Eucharist

St. John's Anglican Church,
Irondale, Dec. 24,
Evensong, 7 p.m.

**Our Lady of Fatima
Catholic Church,**
Minden: Dec. 24,
8 p.m., Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
Kinmount: Dec. 24,
10 p.m., Dec. 25, 9 a.m.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church,
Haliburton: Dec. 24,
6:30 p.m. carol sing followed by
Nativity of Our Lord at 7 p.m.;
Dec. 25, 11 a.m., Nativity of Our Lord

St. John's Vianney Catholic Church,
Highland Grove: Dec. 24,
4:30 p.m. with choir

Haliburton United Church:
Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Minden United Church:
Dec. 24, candlelight service, 7 p.m.

Maple Lake United Church:
Dec. 24, candlelight service, 9 p.m.

Lakeside Baptist Church,
Haliburton: Dec. 24,
candlelight service 7 p.m.

Full Gospel Lighthouse,
Haliburton: Dec. 24,
6 p.m. carol sing

**Eagle Lake
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Gooderham Pentecostal:
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Christmas music, Christmas dances... Wilberforce students displayed the results of their hard work preparing a Christmas concert for the community last Wednesday.

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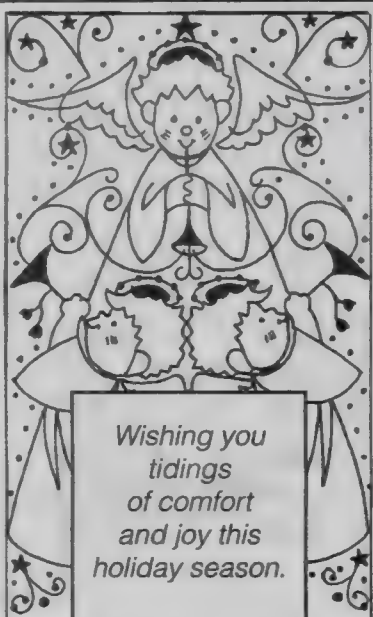
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a CHRISTMAS *season*
CONUNDRUM:

Why is the creative spirit that dominates Christmas less obvious at other times of the year

by MARION J. HARE

I AM perplexed. Everywhere I look in this season, I see a world, almost beaver-like, industriously and single-mindedly using artistic impulses in order to express the spirit of this season.

Christmas, more than any other occasion, celebrates the more ennobling aspects of our humanity. The desire to share, to bring pleasure to others, to radiate joy, all of these find their greatest manifestation during the Christmas season.

How do we accomplish this? Think about it for a minute. With only a few exceptions, some form of artistic expression is involved in every aspect of the season (the most notable exception being the writing of a cheque. Often even that will be enclosed in gift wrap that, if not necessarily chosen for its aesthetic characteristics, was cer-

tainly so designed.)

There is something for everyone. Cooks become grand chefs through the extra little touches that turn a turkey dinner into a Christmas feast. Would-be architects transform an ordinary roof line into a twinkling wonder.

Hope-to-be thespians perform at school in plays and at home on Christmas day in charades. Anyone, whatever the age, can join in the decoration fever that becomes contagious throughout both the home and community.

One artistic expression above all others - music, especially singing - seems to involve most of us, whatever our race or religion, whatever the degree of our talent. In the words and music created by those exceptional few, somehow we find ourselves enveloped in all of the emotions of Christmas - the warmth of fellowship, a flood of memories, joy for the moment.

All of this could be seen on our television screen in the faces of the audience at a Christmas concert led by that Sixties trio Peter, Paul, and Mary. Whether Christian Christmas carols or contemporary secular tunes, or Jewish Hanukkah songs, or southern gospels, all in the audience participated (at least all seen in the panoramic shots chosen by the screen editors).

Tentatively at first, then more robustly, and finally with consummate joy, the sound filled the space as if the singing by a few had become contagious. How typical of the Christmas season!

Then why am I perplexed? Well since these creative, artistic impulses are obviously evident in almost all of us at least this once every year, why then is there such resistance to nurturing them, to creating the climate to enable them to blossom forth in those most gifted?

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BOOKS:

BY ANNE CREELMAN

The perfect Christmas gift:

WHENEVER I am in doubt as to what to get somebody for a gift, I can always find a book that fits the bill. This year the people at Kids Can Press sent some books along for our perusal and we have included a brief description of them for your information. Keep these in mind for those last minute gifts or for those January birthdays when the kids are all "toyed-out".

1984 - THE YEAR I WAS BORN
Compiled by Linda Granfield; Illustrated by Bill Slavin

I did a review of another book in this series and was told after how much kids enjoyed the book. These books are all about the news and events that made headlines in Canada and around the world throughout the year of 1984. There are so many facts and interesting stuff in this book all I can say is if you have a child who was born in 1984 or know one, get this book for lots of fun and hours of reading pleasure.

AARON'S AWFUL ALLERGIES
by Troon Harrison;
Illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes

This is a book about how hard it can be to be a kid with allergies and how one little boy

named Aaron coped with the problem. Aaron loved animals but found that his pets were the very thing making him feel so miserable so he had to give them all away. This of course made him feel lonely and sad and even more miserable until he found another special pet named Flash

to love and care for. This book will be welcomed by families learning to live with allergies. The story is nice without preaching and Eugenie Fernandes' pictures, as always, are warm and lovely to look at.

FRANKLIN'S SCHOOL PLAY
by Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark

What can I say? It is that lovable turtle at it again, this time Franklin has the lead in the school Christmas play and he's a

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How like the serenity of a silent, snow-clad woodland, is the peace that comes to the heart that finds the true meaning of Christmas.



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Is Where The Heart Is...

And ours is with you our kind neighbors who have made us feel so welcome. We're proud to be a part of this fine community. Happy Holidays and thanks!

from everyone at

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nervous wreck. After just going through the week of school and choir concerts I can really feel for poor Franklin in his state of stage fright. Of course, with lots of practise, and some confidence building from parents and teachers, Franklin finds he can indeed rise to the occasion. As always, a wonderful, warm story with sweet pictures that really tell it like it is for the younger set.

HOCKEY SUPERSTARS: THE LEAFS vs. Les Canadiens by James Duplacey

As little as I know about hockey, I still got a charge from this book. It is set up like a glossy magazine with all of the exciting stats and team trivia that anyone could ever want to know about the Leafs and the Habs. It shows the progression of both teams from pre-expansion days up to the present including Great Goalies, Famous Games and Hall of Famers. A great way to mix a little history in with the game and brush up on your stats at the same time.

FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONS: Superstars on Ice by Patty Cranston

For all of the aspiring Katarina Witts and Elvis Stojkos, here is the book. Written in a similar format as the above hockey book, it is a real "whose who" of figure skating. The pictures from some of the great performers and their routines are very nice and the text gives a brief history of many skaters and the drive and determination they need to succeed. It too shows greats from today and yesteryear which in itself illustrates the changes figure skating has undergone. A fun book to look at and dream with.

On behalf of Kids Can Press, The Echo has donated these books to some children to help make their Christmas a little merrier.

Verna Hutchings
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Merry Christmas
& Many Thanks!

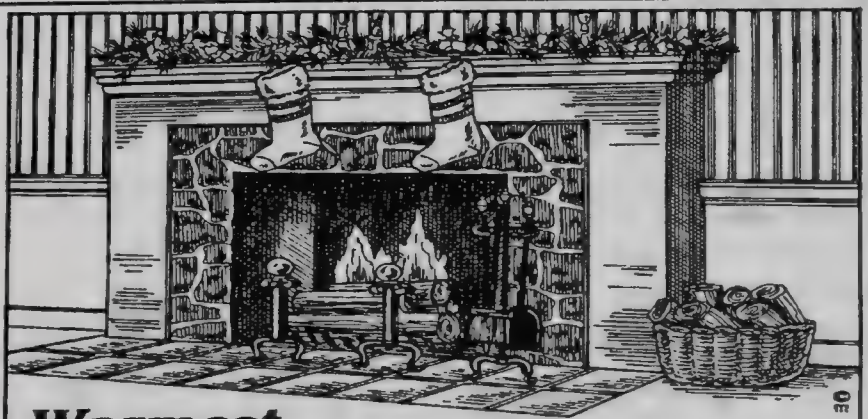
Just In The "Nick" Of Time...

The tree is trimmed
The presents, wrapped
And Santa's on his way
Now we're ho..ho...hoping
You'll have a merry holiday!



Hometown Proud!

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Warmest Greetings!

May holiday joy warm your heart and home. Thank you for your patronage.

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Season's Greetings

We are truly grateful for your friendship and support
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We're Singing Your Praises!

You've given us the gift of friendship and support for which we are grateful. In turn, we would like to wish you and your family an abundance of blessings over the holiday season and throughout the year.

Sincerely,
Bob & Debbie
DEREMO CABINETRY
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Season's Greetings

HOPE YOUR HOLIDAY DELIVERS A BUNDLE OF CHEER

We've all gotten together to say, we're hoping good things are headed your way.

From the Management & staff at
STEDMANS

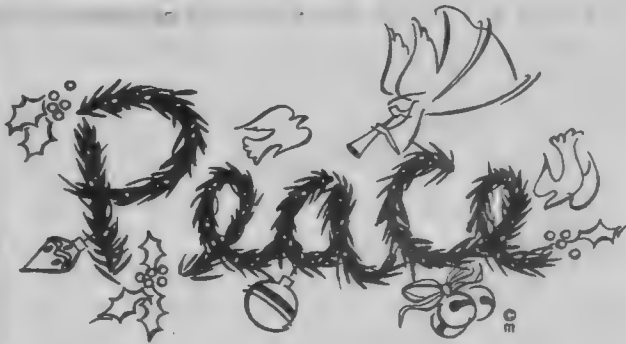
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What better thought to send you...



*Than the hope we've been
a good friend to you.
And we will continue
to be there for you,
season after season.
The happiest of holidays
to you and yours.*

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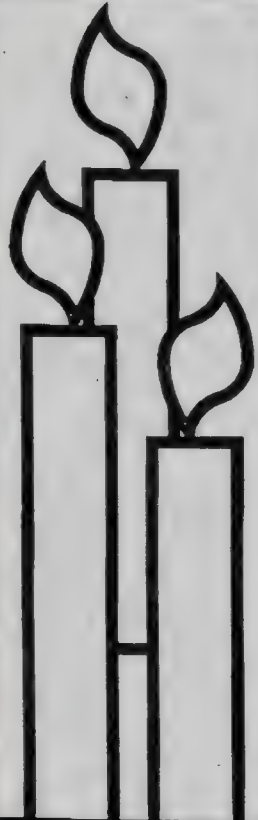
Betty Hodgson
& Kelli Gilligan

PEACE & JOY

May they
brighten your
home this
holiday season.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

from
Haliburton
Elementary
School Teachers



We Know You've Been Good...

*Especially To Us!
Merry Christmas and many thanks for your kind support.*

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GIFT SUGGESTIONS *from the kitchen*

NOTHING says "I love you" more than gifts from the kitchen. With the holiday-visiting season soon upon us, now is the perfect time to show busy friends and family just how much you care with fresh-from-the-oven cookies.

CINNAMON AND NUTMEG CRUNCHIES

Delicious Cinnamon and Nutmeg Crunchies are the ultimate sweet treat for the entertaining season. Just add some holiday spice to regular household staples, such as sugar, flour

and margarine to prepare your heartfelt gift.

2 1/4 cups (550 ml) margarine
2 1/2 cups (550 ml) icing sugar
3 egg whites
3/4 tsp (3 ml) vanilla
6 cups (1.5 L) all purpose flour, sifted
3/4 cup (175 ml) sugar
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) cinnamon
3/4 tsp (3 ml) nutmeg

On slow speed in upright mixer, cream together margarine and icing sugar. Beat in egg whites and vanilla. Gradually stir in flour (mixture will be a soft dough). Chill dough for 1 to 2 hours.

Combine sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Roll dough into 1-inch (2.5 cm) balls and roll in sugar mixture. Flatten cookies on ungreased baking sheet with a fork.

Bake at 375°F (190°C) 10 to 15 minutes or until slightly brown.

Makes about 10 dozen cookies.

Wrap these goodies up in pretty cellophane packages or put together your own special cookie gift pack with a couple of baking sheets, oven mitts and a hand-crafted copy of your recipe.

Tip: There's no need to buy a different type of margarine for your baking needs. Enjoy the taste of your everyday mar-

garine, whether you're spreading it on your morning toast or cooking a festive feast.

Whether it's after caroling or skating, Orange Nut Biscotti is always a favourite of the season.

ORANGE NUT BISCOTTI

Double baked, crunchy biscuit is delicious dipped in a cup of creamy hot cocoa or steaming tea. Because biscotti keeps so well, a pretty jar of them is a much appreciated holiday gift.

2 1/4 cups (550 ml) all purpose

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"Season's Greetings"

We hope you and your children enjoy a season filled with joy and laughter.

from all of us at
KINARK
CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

HOPE YOUR SEASON IS TREE-MENDOUS!

We're truly grateful for your friendship and support.

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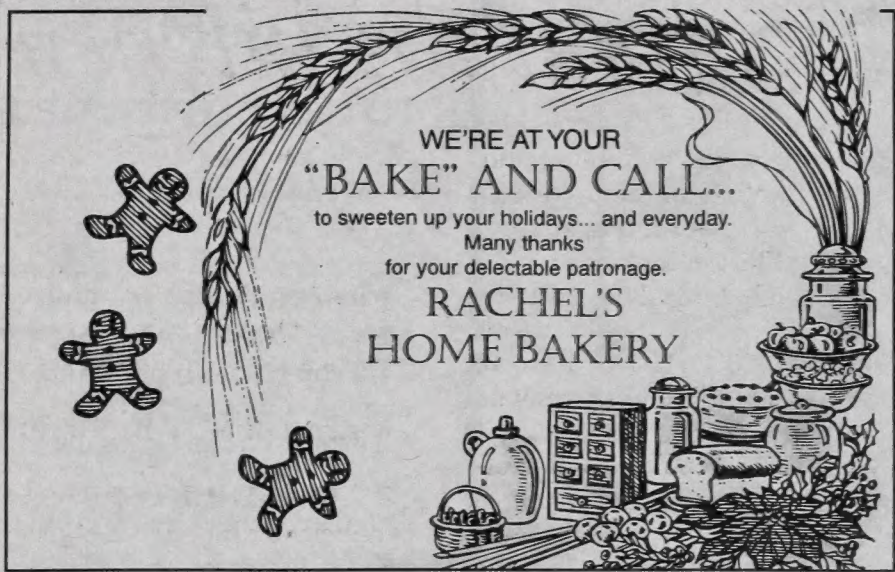


To all our fine customers: We hope you enjoy a happy holiday season filled with warmth and peace. Our Best Wishes of the Season to everyone.

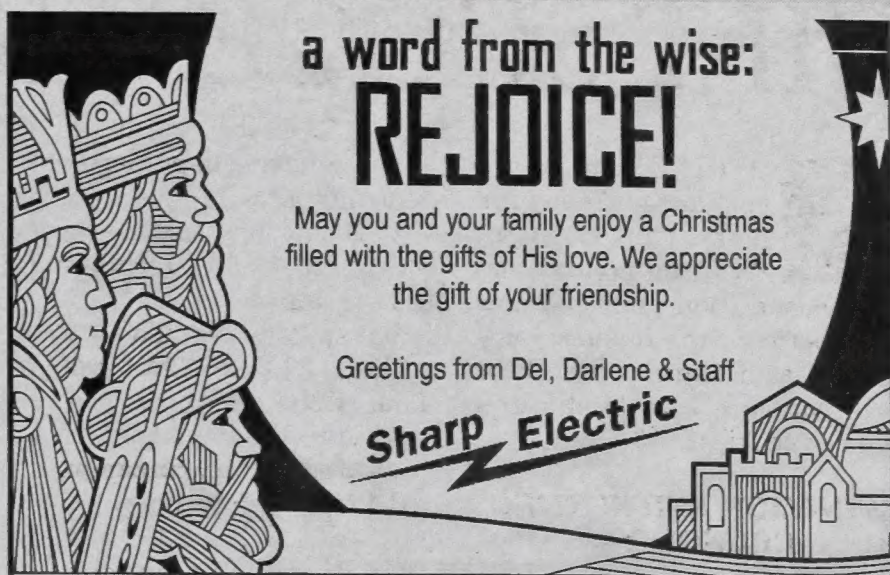
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Ed, Lynn & Chris



WE'RE AT YOUR
"BAKE" AND CALL...
to sweeten up your holidays... and everyday.
Many thanks
for your delectable patronage.
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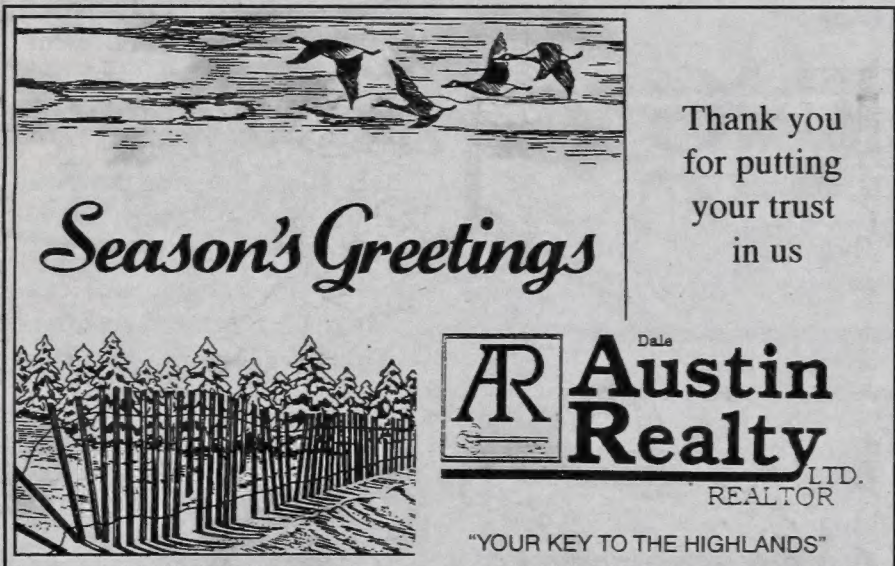
a word from the wise:
REJOICE!
May you and your family enjoy a Christmas
filled with the gifts of His love. We appreciate
the gift of your friendship.
Greetings from Del, Darlene & Staff
Sharp Electric



*The
Spirit
Of The
Season*
There is nothing more
beautiful than
Your ready smile,
Your gentle eyes,
Your warm "Hello."
There's nothing more beautiful than
the face of friendship you've shown us.
HALIBURTON HAIRDRESSING
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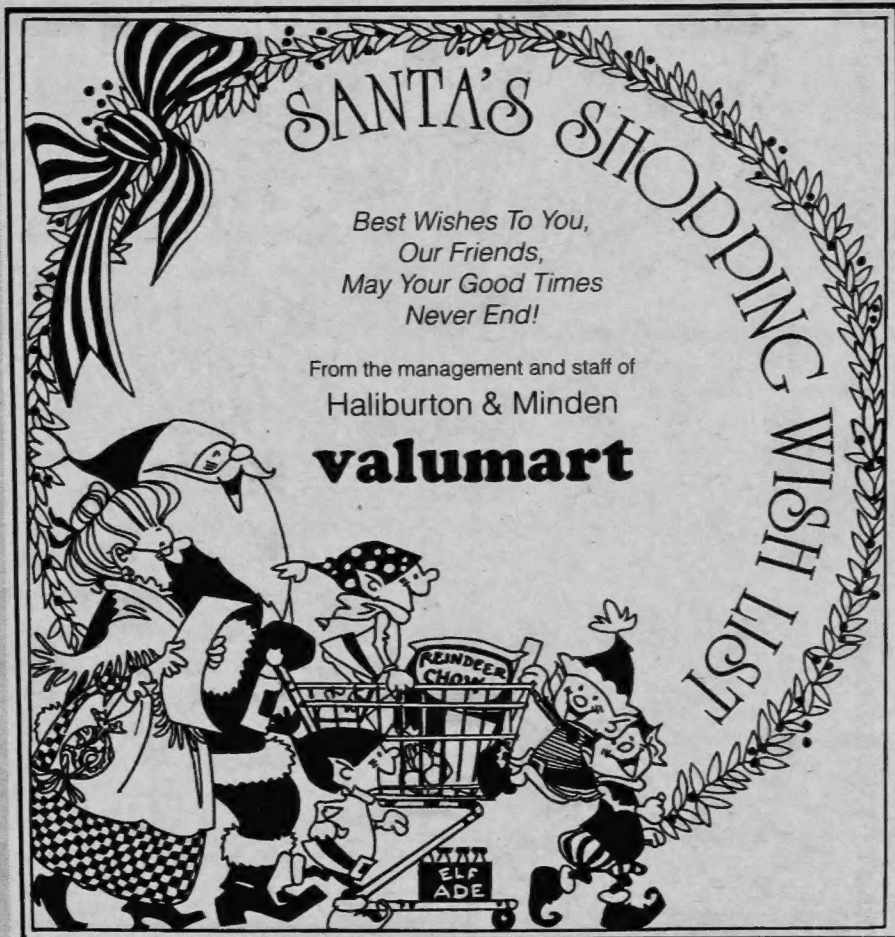
**SEASON'S
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We are truly grateful
for your friendship
and support
from
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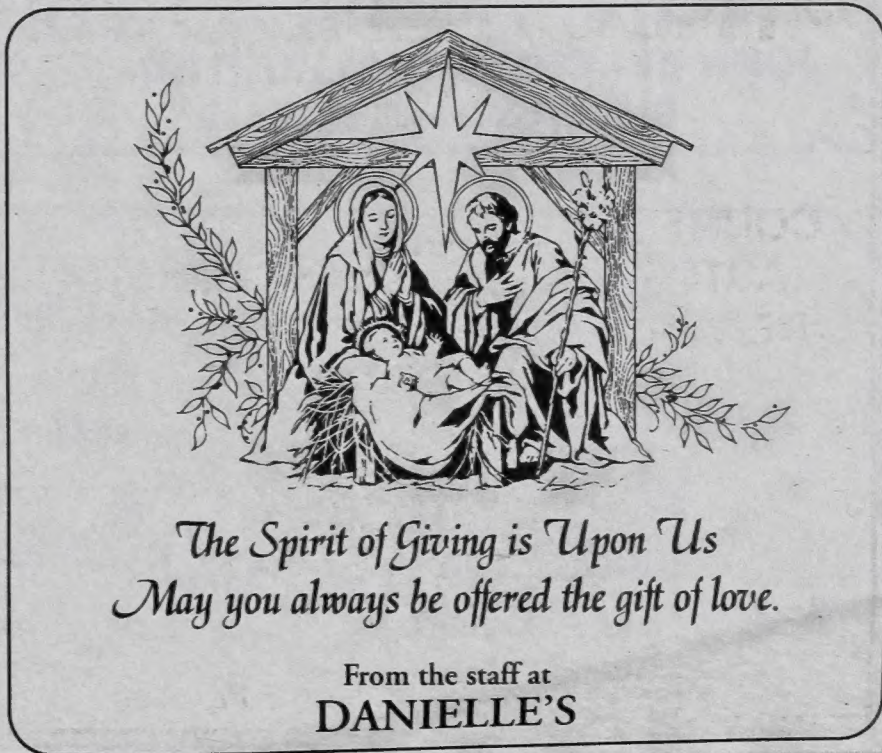
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Thank you
for putting
your trust
in us
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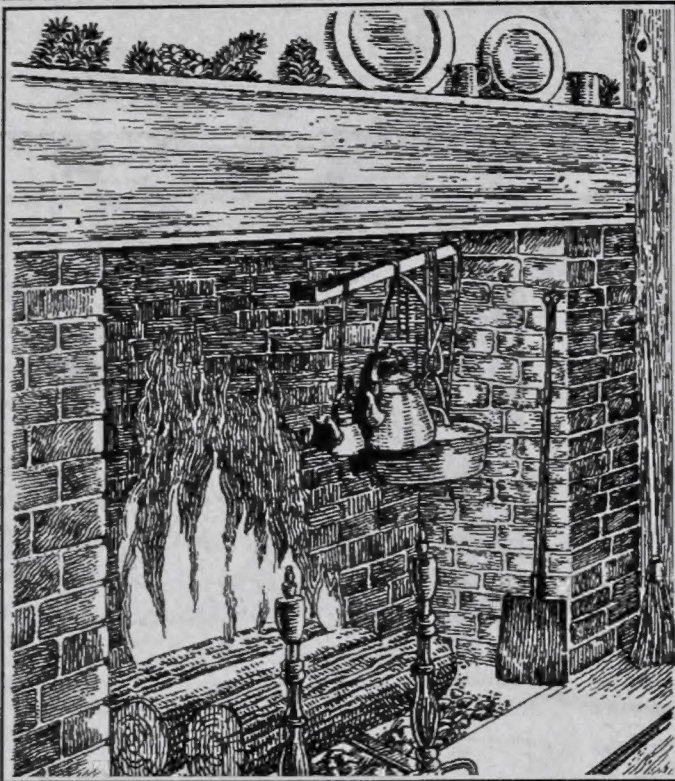
HALLELUJAH!
Season's Greetings
from the Dental Office of
DR. JOHN POSTLETHWAITE
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SANTA'S SHOPPING WISH LIST
Best Wishes To You,
Our Friends,
May Your Good Times
Never End!
From the management and staff of
Haliburton & Minden
valumart



*The Spirit of Giving is Upon Us
May you always be offered the gift of love.*
From the staff at
DANIELLE'S



Have A Glowing Season!

As we throw another yule log on the fire, our thoughts are with the many fine folk we've had the privilege to know and serve this past year. May contentment and joy warm your heart this holiday season.

THE HALIBURTON COUNTY HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION



Season's Greetings

from all of us at

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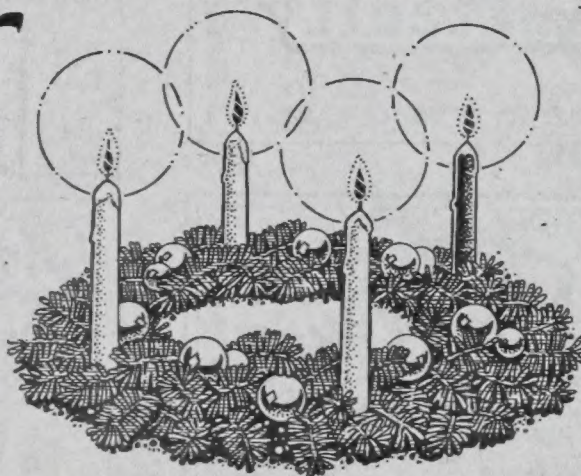
Joyous Noel

Christmas is on the way.
And we hope its holy light
shines brightly upon everyone with peace and cheer.
We are grateful for your friendship
and loyal patronage.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

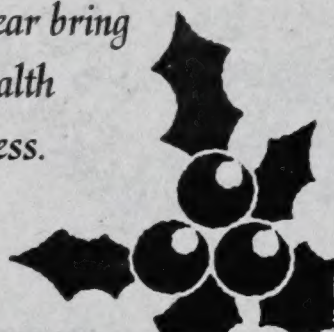
from the management and staff of

**JOHN BEACHLI CONSTRUCTION
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John F. O'Reilly
Member of Parliament
Victoria-Haliburton

*May this Holiday Season be
filled with joy
and the New Year bring
you good health
and happiness.*



Christmas treats are a gift to savour

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flour

1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) baking powder
1 tsp (5 ml) mace (ground)
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1/2 cup (125 ml) hazelnuts OR
almonds (chopped)
3/4 cup (175 ml) granulated
sugar
1/3 cup (75 ml) margarine
2 eggs
1 tsp (5 ml) vanilla extract
1/2 tsp (2 ml) orange OR lemon
extract

Combine flour, baking powder and seasonings; set aside. Roast nuts in shallow baking pan in 325°F (160°C) oven 8 minutes until toasted. Let cool. Cream sugar and margarine until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and extracts. Stir in reserved flour mixture; fold in toasted nuts. Divide dough in half. Place on lightly greased baking sheet; shape in to 2 logs 1/2 inch (1 cm) thick, 1 1/2 inches (3 cm) wide and 12 inches (30 cm) long.

Bake in 325°F (160°C) oven 25 minutes until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Slice biscotti diagonally about 1/2 inch (1 cm) thick. Place slices flat side down on baking sheets. Return to oven and bake an additional 10 minutes to dry. Remove and let cook.

Makes 3 1/2 dozen cookies.

Tip: Take advantage of the easy-to-measure margarine packaging. One 1/4 lb square of hard margarine equals 1/2 cup. One 1/2 tub of soft margarine equals 1 cup.



a Christmas & Wish

*May the true spirit of Christmas
be yours, just as in the manger
on that Holy Night, when the
Star first shone above.*

*Peace and joy to your whole
family from ours; all throughout
this season and the coming year.*

**MASTER'S
BOOK STORE**
Kathy & Connie

A look back at special Christmas treats for the area's early pioneers:

Richard Cleophus Short (or "Clip" for Short) the Tory Hill blacksmith arrived in 1894. He and his brother arrived in "Frog Hollow" as it was known at the time and set up shop by the railway.

Clip's wife, Ellen Mary, arrived with the children the following year. Two of the children, ... Wesley and Hugh were so upset at their first Christmas in Tory Hill as they had no Devon clotted cream. Their mother was an expert at making it so Christmas Eve Clip walked to Richard Hales farm and carried home two pails of milk and the boys had their cream for Christmas dinner."

From Monmouth Township 1881-1981 pp. 16-17, by the Monmouth Historical Committee

"We had to build a log house and come into it at Christmas when the cold was so intense that the cups and saucers froze hard together whilst we were drinking our tea and a pail of water standing by the fireside would be frozen solid during the night..."

Excerpt from a letter by Abraham Parsonage dated Feb. 29, 1864; cited in Harley Cummings, Early Days in Haliburton, pg. 50.

THE LOVE OF CHRISTMAS by EV STATA

I love those brilliant coloured lights
That shine as far as we can see.
I love those carols sung in tune
Around the Christmas tree.
I love those snow muffled sidewalks
For shopping on Christmas Eve,
And jolly greetings tossed back and forth
In those shops we hate to leave.
I love those many Christmas cards
I get from friends far and near
As long as they say they're doing fine
And I'll see you sometime next year.
I love those gaily-wrapped parcels
Heaped under the glittering tree
'Cause I know at least a few of them
Are meant for only me.
I love those church bells ringing clear
Across the frosty sky
That tell of God's most wondrous love
That's here for you and I.
I love to see the whole family
Gathered round the Christmas spread
And father saying the blessing,
Thanking him for our daily bread.
I love the whole season of Christmas
And all of the things we do.
And now you can tell me your secret
Don't you just love it, too?



Linda Coneybeare, Consultant • Louise Howell, Co-op student H.H.S.S. • Lynda Porter, Consultant • Janet Brock, Manager



*We join our clients and friends
in imagining a kinder world,
and trying to make it a little
more real each and every day.*

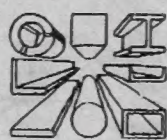
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Holiday Greetings

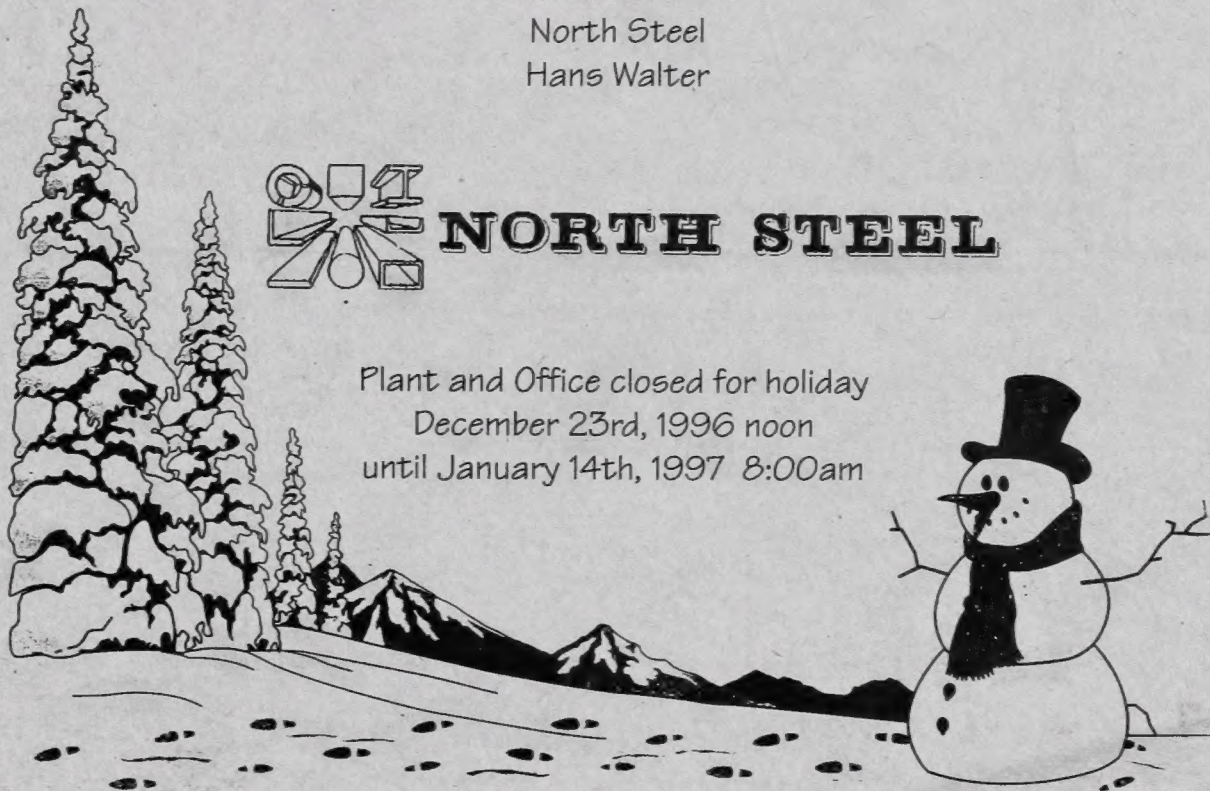
We are grateful for the Holiday Season which affords
us the opportunity to wish our friends, old and new, a
most Happy and prosperous New Year.

From all of us at
North Steel
Hans Walter



NORTH STEEL

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December 23rd, 1996 noon
until January 14th, 1997 8:00am



The Spirit of the Season



May your home be blessed by the glory of His love
this holy season, and may His good graces
follow you wherever you go.

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